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A RESUME OF THE HISTORY OF THE MOLLY VARNUM CHAPTER DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AND OF THE SPALDING HOUSE

AS TOLD AND WRITTEN BY MANY PAST AND PRESENT MEMBERS

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The Americans Creed.

Walter Tyler Page.

Ibelieve in the U. S. of America as the government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign states; a perfect union one and inseparable; establishedupon those principlesof freedom, equality, justice and humanity, for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; support its constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against all enemies.

Pledge of Allegiance.

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands. One nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

OUR FLAG.

WHAT IT MEANS.
APPRECIATION OF ITS SYMBOLISM.

The back ground in your mind as to what the flag stands for.

Proper procedure.

When hung over the street between two buildings the Union should be to the North on an E and W street;
to the EAST on an N and S street.

Do not dip the U. S. flag. (other flags may be dipped)

No other flag to the right of the National Flag.

No object or emblem above the flag.

Do not drape the flag --- use bunting.

Do not fasten so it will tear.

Do not display with out a staff.

Do not use as a part of a costume or uniform.

Do not embroider or print on cushions, paper

Do not mark on any flag.

Do not use in any advertiseing

Do not allow to soil or become damaged in storage.

Daughters of the American Revolution

Organization of the Society

I890 It was on Oct.II,I890 that the Society was organized,with I8 members. Mrs. Caroline Scott Harrison,wife of the then President of the United States,became the first President General.

The first Chapter was organized in Chicago on March 20,I89I. Soon after the first State Regents were confirmed for Pennsylvania Connecticut,Rhode Island,New York and Virginia.

I892 The first Congress was held on February 22,I892.

I904 In I904 the meeting date was changed from the week of Washington's birthday to the week of April I9th,the anniversary of the Battle of Lexington.

I895 When the first Congress was held the membership was I306 and there were I2 State Regents. By I895 there were 4,023 members and 50 Chapters.

I95I By June I,I95I there were I69,633 members; 2,678 State Regents; 7 foreign Regents;

I952 November I952 the membership was I7I,899

I953 I953 will bring completion of the stone Bell Tower at Valley Forge which cost $ 356,000 , Dedication April I8,I953. Voted I9I9.

I953 will also bring completion of the debt on the new Admistration Building and the renovation of all the buildings. Dedication April I953.

Value of Buildings $I0,000,000

The Musem has been enlarged.
Memorial Contenential Hall taken over for the Library
Officies made for all the work of the Society.
Built in Voting Booths supplied
Restoration of all State Rooms.

I953 Cost of New Adminstration Building $

The Aims and Purposes

of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Quote; " The object of our society can not fail to be a constant inspiration to all who are familiar with it. This body is for patriotic, historical and educational purposes; to perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved American Independence. By the acquisition and preservation of historical spots and the erection of memorials. By the encouragement of historical research in relation to the revolution; by the celebration of all patriotic anniversaries and to true patriotism and love of country, and so, to aid in securing for all man-kind All the BLESSINGS OF LIBERTY."

Quote: " To assist all people of foreign birth who come to this country".

Quote: " It is regrettrd that the legitimate objects of the D. A. R. which are the collection and the publication of historical matter and the perpetuation of the names and deeds of those who made the Republic, should be set aside and the funds of the society be used on objects, and in activities foreign to D. A. R. work. A Chapters income is limited and it can ill afford to branch out into charitable and other works under the guise and at the sacrifice of genuine patriotic work."

Quote: "We should continue to endeavor to teach the purposes and ideals that gave strength and unity to the nation."

" Let us stand united in the work laid out for us in this organization."

Continental Hall.

In September 1925 Contiental Congress voted to build the Auditorium at a cost of $ I,825,000.
They issued $ I,600,000, first mortgage, 20 year, 6% coupon bonds. The bonds were a safe and attractive investment and they expected to sell them readily.
A Massachusetts State Auditorium Bond Committee was formed.
There was held in Boston, in 1925, by the state Society, a large Bazar. The Board of Management assesed each member of the Molly Varnum Chapter.50 cents to begin with.
Then the Molly Varnum Chapter and the Samuel Adams Chapter of Methuen, took charge of a table . Molly Varnums share from this table was $153,60; the sum of I03.0 was added, making $256.00 sent to the Auditorium Fund by the Molly Varnum Chapter.

Bronze Doors were asked for the Auditorium,from the State Society. They were to cost $3000.00. Molly Varnum gave $25.00

In 1926 notice was sent from the National Society that 4000 chairs were to be sold as memorials, at a cost of $ I50.00 each Each chair was to be marked with a six by three inch marker, with the name of the person in whose honor or memory the chair was given. There is a letter in the records thanking the chapter for the honor, from the family of Mrs. Morrison, but no record of the chair number. Indefinite records show one ,No. 6816, may have been taken out for Mrs. Henry M. Thompson.

The chapter was asked to give $ I.50 toward a Cabinet for relics to be placed in the Massachusetts room. Itwas done.

The Organization of the Molly Varnum Chapter
Daughters of the American Revolution.
I894 --- I943.

The organizing Regent was Mrs. Frederick T. Greenhalge.
There were II Charter Members.

I. Mrs. Frederick T. Greenhalge (Isabel Nesmith)
2. Mrs. Thomas Nesmith (Florence Hildreth)
3. Mrs. Charles E. Adams (Ida M. Barrett)
4. Mrs. Henry M. Thompson (ELLEN Straw)
5. Mrs. Charles D. Palmer (Rowena Hildreth)
6. Mrs. George W. Palmer. (Ellen H. Jackson)
7. Miss Lucy Nesmith
8. Miss Mary Nesmith
9. Mrs. Thomas Ivy (Julia Nesmith)
IO. Miss Mary Ann Webster
II. Mrs. George F. Richardson (Caroline Reede)

The first meeting was held at the home of MRS. Greenhalge on October 30,I894.
She was the wife of the Governor of Massachusetts.

There were 3o ORIGIN-L members --- II Charter and I9 others.

I2. Mrs.Marietta Jefferson (Marietta Richardson)

I3. Miss Gtace Wood

I4. Mrs. William H. Wiggin (Hannah Robbins)

I5. Mrs. Adelbert Ames (Blanch Butler)

I6. Mrs. J. M. G. Parker (Dolly Maria Hildreth)

I7. Miss N. P. H. Robbins

I8. Mrs. Julian Talbot(Ann Richardson)

I9. Mrs. Daniel S. Richardson (Ann Sawyer)

20. Miss Mary K. Walker

2I. Mrs.E.J. Neil (Eliza

22. Mrs.Harry Raynes (Marietta French)

23. Mrs. Henry Read (Rowena Hildreth)

24. Mrs. Prentiss Webster (Sarah Maria Burlingame)

25. Miss Helen Augusta Whittier

26. Mrs. E. T. Rowell (Clara Webster)

27. Mrs. Joseph Smith (Janet Worthen)

28. Miss Louise Allen

29. Mrs. George F. Logan (Bertha Allen)

30. Miss Addie F. Crosby

First Officers.

Regent

Mrs. F. T. Greenhalge

Vice Regent

Mrs. J. M. G. Parker

Treasurer
Miss Mary Nesmith

Registrar
Mrs.Thomas Nesmith

Cor. Secretary

Miss N. P. H. Robbins

Recording Sec.

Mrs. H. M. Thompson

ORGANIZED **** OCTOBER 30, I894.

CHARTER GRANTED **** JANUARY I5, I895.

CHARTER SIGNED **** FEBRUARY I6, I895.

The name chosen **** MOLLY VARNUM CHAPTER, D. A. R.

The name was taken in recognition of the services rendered during the Revolutionary War, by Major-General Joseph Bradley Varnum and his wife Molly. They both did valiant service in the war for Independence.

Molly Varnum was the daughter of Jacob and Mary Butler of Pelham, N. H. A woman of sturdy independence and imposing dignity of character. Devoted to the cause, Molly worked early and late while her husband was away, first fighting for his country and later serving that country in high political officies.

Molly ran the farm; spun all the clothing for her husband as well as herself, I2 children and the house. Denying herself many comforts, she wove cloth to help clothe the Dracut Troops; gave them blankets from her beds and when they needed shirts or knapsacks, she supplied them by cutting up her sheets.

Molly was born June 4, I750. M. June 26, I773. (23 years) D. April I7, I833. (82 years)

From the formation of the Chapterto the buying of the Spalding House there was continuous work of educational and patriotic value.

The Buying of the House.

Miss Spalding passed away on April 6, I902.

The estate was for sale in April I906.

Mrs. Henry A. Lambert bought the property.

Then she invited the other members of the Chapter to a meeting at the Spalding House. She thought the Chapter should own the house.

A committee was formed --- Mrs Greenhalge, Mrs. Julian Talbot, Mrs. Henry A. Thompson, Mrs Thomas Nesmith, Mrs. Burton Mirrin, Mrs. George F. Richardson.

The price was to be $ 3,500.00, and they would need $ 900.oo for repairs.

A mortgage for $ 4,500.00 at 5% could be taken from a local bank.

At the June I906 meeting this question was put to a vote:

" If the Chapter can raise $ I000.00 or more, do you favor purchasing the Spalding House?"

The vote was 65--yes. 25--no.

The money was raised. Incorporation was in order so that the Chapter might hold property under statue law.

The Corporation was formed on the I4th day of September, I906.

To be known as the Molly Varnum Chapter, D. A. R.
Albert S. Howard, Notary Public.
Lena T. Merrill, Tem. Rec. Clerk.

By-laws were adopted. The purpose stated.

By June pledges had been made for $ I338.00
By October ---$ I430.00
By November --$ I500.00

The Masonic Lodges gave $500.00

And so the old house set out on the third phase of its existence.

As a Tavern or Inn; as the home of the Spalding family; as the home of the Molly Varnum Chapter, D. A. R.

History of the Land around the Spalding House.

1653. In 1653 the Rev. John Eliot was granted by the court, a portion of land running from the Pawtucket Falls to the Concord river, known as "Great Neck", for the use of the Indians he had converted.

From records, Judge Gookin in his book says " Eliots cabin was on the ground where the Eliot Church now stands".

Eliot had learned to speak the Indian language so he could preach to the Indians.

There is at the State Teachers College, a Tapestry showing the conversion of Passaconway to the Christian faith.

The first edition of the Bible was one thousand copies, only a few of which are known to exist. There is one in London, Eng. and one at Harvard College. The second edition was two thousand copies, of which sixty are known to exist.

John Eliot died in 1690. aged 86 years.

As the tribes became reduced in numbers, the Pawtucket Indians and others in the neighborhood, joined and formed the Wamesit Tribe. In 1686 the Wamesit Tribe asked permission of the court to sell the land, and the citizens of Chelmsford were given permission to buy if they would pay the Indians a fair price for it.

Passaconway, Chief of the Wamesit Tribe, was made the great Sachem of the New England Indians, and they moved North to Pennacook, N. H. They would come from his " hove" to the Pawtucket Falls on fishing trips and for "Pow-Wows" held under the old Oak Tree on Clark Road, where the Chapter has placed a marker.

Passaconway became the friend of the early settlers and the Indians lived at peace with the citizens of Chelmsford.

Wannalancit means "Breathing Pleasantly".
Wannalancit was the son of Passaconway.

Massachusetts means " Place of the Great Hills".
The Indian name for Tyngs Island was"Wickasee".

On the Pawtucket St. side of the river was Tyngsboro, then Chelmsford, then Tewksbury and Andover. On the Pawtucketville side was Tyngsboro and Dracut.

Dracut was first called "Drawcutt", from Drawcutt in Wales. Then "Dracott", "Dracutt",and Dracut.

Wed. June 12,1935.

Mrs. Arthur Wright,Regent. Molly Varnum Chapter presented to the City of Lowell a Bronze Tablet,placed on a Boulder,as a Memorial to Passaconway,Chief of the Pawtucket Tribe. It was placed near the spot where the tribe camped while they fished at the Pawtucket Falls, about 300 years ago. Mr. Weed ,Chairman of the Lowell Park Commission,accepted.

History of the Spalding House.

The land on which the Spalding House stands was once part of the reservation known as Great Neck", which had been granted to the New England tribes of Indians, in I653, and which later had been sold to the citizens of Chelmsford, by permission of the court.

In I76I, on a part of this land about which I have just told you, Robert Hildreth built the tavern, the building we call the Spalding House.

He sold the house to Rueben Hamblett.

In I768, Ruben Hamblett sold to Moses Davis of Chelmsford. Davis used it for an Inn. He and John Ford who lived next door, owned a saw-mill, which was located back of the Inn, on the bank of the river. After five years Davis sold his interest in the saw-mill to John Ford and gave all his time to "In Holding"

The Merrimack River was an important water-way from the towns North, to markets on the sea coast. Logs poled from Concord had to taken out of the water above the falls and carted on "Ox-teams", to be put in the water again below Hunts Falls, at lower Stackpole St.

The Davis Tavern was the first stop on this trip, and a fine place for the rafts-men on their journey down the river to the sea.

Also the great country road, part of which is now Pawtucket St. went past the Inn, and the stage coaches passing over the road made the Inn their stopping place. There were also many travelers on horseback passing to and fro.

Moses Davis sold the house to Joseph Tyler.

Joseph Tyler sold in I777 to Capt. John Ford who owned

the house about I3 years.

Then Andrew Fletcher owned the house for a short time .

The deed of sale says" Andrew Fletcher of Chelmsford, Yeoman, for I60 L's. I5, 4 pence, to me paid by John Ford, Gentleman, do deed to him said estate with all the privileges there unto pertaining. Dated Feb. 8,I777 and in the first year of our independence of the North American States."

In I790 the house was sold to Mr.Nathaniel Ropes of Salem, who in turn sold to Mr. Joel Spalding.

Mr. Joel Spalding's son Jonathan was about I5 years old at the time. This son Jonathan brought his bride to the house in I8I9, and their children were Dr. Joel Spalding andMiss Sarah Spalding, the last of the family to live in and be buried from the old house.

The Spalding family became smaller, more reserved and more aloof, until, with closed blinds and chilling exterior, the house concealed all traces of life within; just as the high board fence around the garden concealed the beauty and fragrance of the flowers which grew so luxuriously in the garden.

The house had changed hands more often than was usual in early times. It had at all times been owned by good old New England families with such names as Hildreth, Davis, Tyler, Ford, Fletcher ,and Spalding, all closely connected with the towns of Chelmsford, Dracut and the city of Lowell. This part of the village of Chelmsford was set off as a part of the city of Lowell in I826.

The house had been owned by three Revolutionary soldiers, and had been the home of four other patriots. The quaint archetecture; the up stairs hall a reminder of olden time meetings; the narrow staircase; makes the house one of the historic landmarks within the borders of the city.

This house has stood for I83 years. I76I---I944.

Restoration

Restoration began immediately and on Dec. I8, I906, the Spalding House was formally opened and dedicated.

It took ten years to earn the rest of the money to pay the mortgage. Mrs.George F. Richardson was Chairman of the "Ways and Means" Committee-- I908 to I9I6.

The Chapter did not drop its patriotic work, that was carried on along with the quest for money.

They did have a very loyal and interested member through most of the ten years -- Mrs. Mary G. Morrison. She gave over $ 750.00 toward paying for the house.

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The Tablet in that room was designed and executed by Mr. Laurin Martin and is on the wall, over the fireplace, in the room at the right of the entrance door.

The large hall upstairs was called "Pentucket Hall".

Dr. Joel Spalding had been an outstanding citizen and physician. Giving of his services where needed, sending no bills, a gentle and kindly doctor and gentleman of the old school.

1904 to I906 was a period of great activity. There were many new members. A waiting list was established.

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The Restoration of the House.

June to December, 1906.

Mrs. Henry Thompson and Mrs. Burton Wiggin were most active on this committee. This is the story as told.

" Rumors of ancient fir places into which kittens disappeared, only to appear in other rooms; mysterious passages in old chimneys caused a sounding of walls and a prying into cracks.
Then began the taking off of paper, tearing out plaster, ripping off boards and out came a fireplace with the remains of a mantel. Small and shallow, but a fireplace. Then it was discovered to have a false front. A large fireplace was found behind that.
You see it in the front hall. 6 ft. across, with the original mantel, straight and plain, unbroken by shelf or ornament, with a quant little closet at the right. It's raised panels with concave moloing, mark it as one of the earliest American types.

Mrs. Thompson tells her thoughts as she stood before it:
" Of the stalwart lumbermen grouped about, smoking their pipes, relating stories of the wonderful cargoes they had seen unloaded at Newburyport, tales of their hazardous journies through the New England forests, while every now and then some hand reached up for the "squat" little bottle on the shelf.
It may have been your ancestors hand, or mine-- who knows."

Mrs. Wiggin tells me of how she sat up in the old City Hall Yard picking over an old pile of side-walk brick, getting just the right shape, size and color. With infinite patience she procured a sufficient number, and laid in herring bone pattern by a Norwegian brick-layer, who felt the sentiment of the occasion and so produced a hearth which blended the old and the

new into one harmonious whole.

When the paper was removed from the walls of the front hall, marks of a former doorway connecting with the room at the rear showed and it was reopened.

The "long parlor" as it was called by the Spaldings, ran from the front to the back of the house. It had been made probably, when the house had been changed from a tavern to a home. A partition had been built across the tap-room with out compunction, running straight into the chimney, cutting into the hearth and closing up the flue, apparently for the sole purpose of making a nice square corner. This partition was torn down and strong steel strusses of great size were put up to support the floor and ceiling. After taking down the partition there was found a hole, but no fireplace, altho traces were found on the floor showing there had been a hearth. After many disturbing hours, with an expert mason to assist, repeated measureing, sounding and pacing about, after peering in the attic and grooping in the cellar, it was found that there was a great circular chimney with six flues. Two had been used on the second floor-- in the large fireplace in Pentucket Hall and in the small bed room. Four had been used down stairs: one in the front hall, one in the front room --the "keeping room" as Miggin said they used to call it -- and two in the tap-room in a large fireplace. This was later proven by the finding of the remains of a large brick oven showing the exact location of the old flue. The tap-room was restored to its original size, the fireplace rebuilt, the long front room was changed back to the small front room, where the ladies who came to the Tavern had probably been received. The fireplace in the corner of this room was restored as near to what they thought it had been, as possible. Then Mrs.Lambert and

Mrs. Wiggin hunted in attic and cellar and found old boards and old doors which they used in the corner cupboard, built to hide the scars. The wainscoting made from old boards also, was made to match the hall. The four doors between the front room and the tap-room, were made duplicates of doors found in the house and they were hung in the old fashioned "leaf" style, to open singly or in pairs.

After much hunting a paper , copied from an old piece of buff colored brocade was found, and it was presented to the ladies as a gift , by the Irving, Casson Co. and was hung on the walls of the "fore room".

In Pentucket Hall the Colonial Scenic paper was reproduced for this room from a paper on the walls of the J. W. Cook house in Salem, by J. W. Everill. Co The paper had been hung at the Cook house in 1852. The design dates back to 1750, when paper was made in blocks.

The kitchen had a brick oven in fine working order, a large fireplace with swinging crane and an array of kettles, bakers, grid-irons etc. At the side of this fireplace you can see a rambling closet entered by a very small door. Again rumor told of slaves hidden in the closet during the exciting days before the Civil war, the slaves on their way to Canada via the "grape-vine". The ceiling in the kitchen was so low it could be touched from the floor. Again rumor told of an old raftered kitchen, and so, after much discussion, pro and con, the plaster was pulled down, and today you see the beautiful old brown beams. Mrs. Wiggin remembers themso filled with grease from the cooking at the fireplace that they did not think they could ever clean them.
stories were remembered about the smoking of hams from their own pigs , in this fireplace. They found old hand wrought hooks in the

rafters, some of which are still there, from which they hung the hams after curing.

The paper on the walls of the "Spalding Room" was there when the house came into the hands of the Chapter. Molly Earle Wood cleaned and repainted by hand the places needing repair.
In this room are two oil paintings. One a portrait of Dr. Joel Spalding. Mrs. Henry Lambert said the other might be Miss Sarah Spalding as a young girl. Mrs. Lambert played with Sarah Spalding as a child, the two living next door to each other.
In 1908 the Secretary in the Spalding Room was purchased by the Chapter , from Mr. Spalding of Nashua, N.H. for $75.00 and it was put back where it had stood for many years. Mr. Spalding had taken it away at the time of the auction.

Pentucket Hall was divided into three rooms. Two were separated by a hinged partition, which when raised, was hooked to the ceiling by large hand-wrought iron hooks. There was a third partition but it was found to be modern and was disposed of. The old window seats which had been flattened against the wall because they took up to much room, were pulled back to the place where marks on the floor showed they had originally been. Mrs. Lambert again, had seen them when she and Sarah Spalding had kept their dolls in the window seats in the upper chamber. The large fireplace in this room has the original mantel. All the window sash and all the wood work had been made and finished by hand. The floors are the original old wide boards.

Lighting was another problem, candle light would have been ideal, but not practical; lamps not safe. So Mrs. Harry Reade gave as a gift, some old brass hanging Lamps" of sufficient number for [illegible]. They came from the old Reade house on Lakeview Ave.

With pear shaped globes, oil lamps, they were wired for electricity. They are in the down stairs rooms.

Pentucket Hall.

When the old Ludlum House was razed, Mr. Lucian Derby bought some old Bracket Lamps which Mr. Ludlum had brought over from England.

He presented them to the Molly Varnum Chapter. They were electrified and placed on the walls of Pentucket Hall.

Oct. 1906. Mr. Hicks of Boston was consulted about possibilities of the house and gave much information as how to proceed.

Spalding House built 1761
Tavern, Mr. Moses Davis, 1768
Mr. Joel Spalding purchased house , 1790
Mr. Joel Spalding and family lived there.
Mr. Jonathan married and lived there.
Dr. Joel Spalding born and died there.
Miss Sarah Spalding born there. She died 1902
Molly Varnum Chapter organized Jan. 15, 1895
" " " purchased house 1906
Burned mortgagae 1916

How did they raise the money.

1906. They had a Rummage Sale ----$ 142.26.
Food Sale --
Lecture on Old China ----

1907. They had a Chaffing Dish Supper ---

Exibition Pewter, Sheffield, Old Embroidery.

Memorial Coin Drive --- $101.05

Bulb and Plant Sale (Mrs. C. O. Wilson)

Mrs. Parent gave $5.00 toward the mortgage.

1908. They had a lecture by Dr. Bishop -- $66.00
Carnival Week --- $258.28.
Mrs. Fletcher gave $10.00 toward the mortgage.

1910. They had a Mile of Pennies -- $53.54
Mrs. Wiggin had the Cook Book ready for sale.
(in 1922 she had reported $ 167.42.)

1914. They had a Second Hand Clothing Sale -- $82.85.
A Hat Sale --
Dr. Moses Parker gave $10.00 toward the mortgage
Miss N. P. H. Robbins gave $5.00 for the mortgage
Miss Wiggin and Miss Pullen gave a party-$24.00
Mrs. Morrison offered $50.00 if the Chapter
would raise $200.00. They Did.

A Cooking Class. Miss Hill (6 lessons) $325.00

And so many other activities, Bridges, Food Sales, Fairs, Lectures, and always small gifts being given.

Until April 1916 the balance on the mortgage was $1000.00.

Mrs.Morrison offered to give $500.00 if the Chapter would raise $500.00. Again they did.

And so on Feb. 16, 1916,- - - 10 years --- a meeting was held to burn the morgage.

Mrs. Mary G. Morrison touched the match to the paper. it was a great event.

Can't you imagine the joy of those women who had accomplished what they set out to do.

In 1908 the Chapter paid their taxes under protest.
In Jan. 1909, the City of Lowell took the case to the Supreme Court. They had an adverse finding, and so the property has been Tax Free since.

PAST - REGENTS

1953

BACK ROW

MRS. BENJAMIN J. MAHONEY

MRS. NATHAN D. PULSIFER

MRS. F. LEON GAGE

MRS. ALBERT CATHERWOOD (REGENT)

SEATED

MISS HELEN W. NOYES

MRS. CHARLES R. TALBOT

MRS. GEORGE H. UPTON

MRS. DEWEY S. DARLING

NOT PRESENT, MRS. ARTHUR A. WRIGHT (died Feb. 55)

(1st two, back row left
Mrs. Edwards - Vice Regent.
Mrs. T. Russell Scott, guest.)

Regents.

I894 ------I944
(fifty years)
1944 - -- 1960

Mrs. Frederick T. Greenhalge	I894-I896
Mrs. Thomas Nesmith	I896-I899
Mrs. Henry M. Thompson	I899-I902
Miss M. Ida Howe	I902-I904
Mrs. Henry M. Thompson	I904-I909
Mrs. Charles E. Howe	I909-I9I2
Miss M. Ida Howe	I9I2-I9I5
Mrs. Burton H. Wiggin	I9I5-I9I8
Mrs. Charles E. Howe	I9I8-I92I
Mrs. Nathan Pulsifer	I92I-I924
Mrs. Charles E. Howe	I924-I927
Miss Julia T. Pevey	I927-I930
Mrs. Elbert J. Gilmore	I930-I933
Mrs. Arthur A. Wright	I933-I936
Mrs. Benjamin J. Mahoney	I936-I938
Mrs. George H. Upton	I938-I94I
Mrs. Dewey S. Darling	I94I-I943
Mrs. F. Leon Gage	I943-I946
Miss Helen W. Noyes	I946-1949
Mrs Charles R. Talbot, 2nd	I949-I952
Mrs. Albert Catherwood	I952- 1956
Mrs. William Mac Donald	1956 - 1959
Miss Agnes Colton	1959 -

There have been 21 Regents, 17 members having served as Regent. Each has carried on and helped the Chapter to attain what ever goal has been required in giving assistance to National, State and Local Projects.

We still have with us some members of long standing.

I944

I2 Mrs. Marietta Jefferson. Original Member. D.June I944

37 Mrs. Grace Y. Shattuck. Associate Member. Then a regular member. D.I950

39 Miss Florence Young. D. I952,

44 Mrs. Mary Earle Wood. D. I95I

74 Miss Lena Kimball D. 1954

I42 Mrs. C. T. Upton D. 1956

I50 Mrs. Burton H. Wiggin. D. I946

I84 Mrs. John P. Horner. D. I948

207 Miss Edith Russell.

247 Mrs. C. O. Wilson. D. 1954

26I Miss Brenda Pettingill.

265 Miss ANNIE Kimball. D. [illegible]

288 Mrs. Joseph Barber. D. 1950

267 Miss Annie Bedlow

297 Miss Harriet G.Morse D. 1951

240 Mrs Arthur B.Humphrey

Mrs. Mary G. Morrison.

In April 1911, Mrs. Morrison entered the Chapter. In April 1916, she was votrd a Life Member of the Board of Management.
She died October 19, 1922.
While giving constantly to the Chapter she tried to spur the other members on. She would offer to give $500.00 if they would raise $200.00; 500.00 if the Chapter would raise $500.00. She said from the day she entered the Chapter she had wanted to see that mortgage paid. When her will was read she had left in trust to the Molly Varnum Chapter $10,000.00, the income to be used for maintenance and upkeep. The first income came Jan.20, 1923.
She continued to give to the Chapter after the mortgage was paid. $ 120.00 for House expenses; $200.00 toward the heating plant; $50.00 to redecorate the East chamber etc.
The Chapter had $500.00 saved to build an ell. Mrs. Morrison gave $120.00 more.

Mrs. Henry M. Thompson.

Daughter of Gov. Straw, one of N. H.'s outstanding men, coming to Lowell from Manchester N. H., she was a leader from the beginning. Mrs. Thompson gave her time, energy and great executive ability to the organization of the Chapter and to its early activities. And especially to the many difficult problems after the house was purchased and the restorations were being made, to give us the house as we see it today. She gave of herself unsparingly.

As Mrs. Morrison gave of her wealth, Mrs. Thompson gave of her executive ability, to get us started on the road to permanency.

Mrs. Rhoda Chick.

In 1900 a real daughter joined the Chapter, Mrs. Rhoda Chick. She was born in 1815, daughter of James Mills of Belgrade, Me. Her father enlisted in the Revolutionary war in 1776. She married Richard Chick, a Civil war Veteran. In 1901 she was presented the customary official gift of the National Society, a Gold Spoon.

In 1905 she was given a birthday present by the Chapter of $5.00. They also paid $50.00 toward her board.

She died Nov. 1906, at 15 4 Gorham St. aged 91 years.

List of Old Houses Near Lowell.
Antedating the Revolution.

The Sewell Bowers House. Wood St. I686.

At foot of wood St. the Garrison House built by Major Hinchman.1675 .
(Destroyed(

Clarkes Tavern. Middlesex Village. I728

Henry Parker House. Pine St. I663. (and from which he went forth when the call came in the Spring of I775.

Captain John Ford House. He lived there in I775.

Joel Spalding House . I76I.

Livermore Mansion. Now on the grounds of St. Johns Hospital. I750.

Durkee House. I660. Ferry Road off Pawtucket Blvd

Coburn Mission. I735. Varnum Ave - Dracut

Worcester Farm, Andover St. Purchased I748, and never out of the family
Mr. Harry Worcester present owner.

The first school building site , in what is now Lowell, at the corner of School and Westford St's, where the Faith Home was. I767. School St. was named because of the school.
Benjamin Pierce attended school at this site before I775.

VARNUM HOMESTEAD off VARNUM AVE about 1700

OLD TYNG HOUSE 1672 now Varnum Ave Dracut Mass

Pierce Homestead 1775

History of the Spalding. Family.

The first Spalding to occupy the house was Joel Spalding, in I790, about 30 years after the house was built. He was the son of Simeon Spalden, one of the earliest settlers of Chelmsford. He was a farmer. Joel's son Jonathan, also a farmer, was born I777. He married Sarah Lodge. They were father and mother of Dr. Joel and Sarah Spalding.

Dr. Spalding was educated at Pinkerton Academy, at Derry , N.H. Dartmouth College, class of I84I. Berkshire Medical Institute at Pittsfield and N.Y. College of Physicians & Surgeons

Old Houses

The oldest house in Lowell. At the foot of Wood Street, Centreville on bank of the river, the house was erected in 1675 by Major Hinchman It was the Garrison House.

Middlesex Tavern was first called Clarkes Tavern

The old Meadow Road ran down to the river and Hamletts Ferry crossed to the Chelmsford side of the Merrimack.

Crossing the river at Clarke's Ferry, along Ferry Road was the old Durkee House built in 1660. Near by was the John Webb house.

The Coburn Mission was the first school house in Dracut was built about 1755. D.A.R, tablets are on several of these houses.

Gedney House.

Near where St. John's Hospital is now was "Gedney House", the old "Yellow House" and the Livermore Mansion. This was part of the original grant of land to Madame Winthrope, wife of Gov, Winthrope of the Mass. Bay Colony.

The Livermore House was built in 1750 by Timothy Brown. Heavy lumber from Capt. Ford's mill at the Falls was used. The woodwork for the interior was prepared in England. It also was used as an Inn at times. Phillip Gedney purchased it. He was the English Consul.

Later Judge Livermore purchased his place and called it Belvedere Whittier wrote a poem about his daughter Harriet.

Tablets and Markers Placed by the Chapter .

In I90o - I907 th placing of Tablets and Markers was m de the work of the Patriotic and Educational Committees.

By I907 most of this work had been accomplished.

Chelmsford.

Tablet. The Old Yellow House. Home of REV. EbenezerBridges.I7I4-I792.

Marker. Old Haywood House.S. Chelmsford.

" Birth-place of Maj. Jonnathan Minot. I723--I806.

" House of Captain Pelatiah Fletcher. Served in the rev. war.

" House of Lt. Naham Wright. Erected I7I7.

Tyngsboro.

Tablet On historic tree. THis tree was planted by Col. Ebenezer Bancroft July 4, I776.

Dracut.

Marker. Homestead. Joseph Bradley Varnum. Dracut Volunteers, Am. Rev.

" Birthplace . Captain Stephen Russell, Commanding Dracut Co. at Concord and at the surrender of Burgoyne.

" Ancestral Home. Captain Peter Coburn. Led Yeomen of Dracut at Concord and Bunker Hill.

TABLET Coburn Mission(Varnum Ave.)1755. First school house in Dracut.

" Durkee House. One of the oldest houses in Lowell. Also called the Captain Blood Place.

Tewksbury.

Tablet Inscribed. Placed in the Tewksbury School.

Billerica.

Marker Manning Manse. I69o.Erected by Ensign Samuel Manning Was a Tavern I750--I800.

" Placed on a tree planted April I9,I775.

TABLET.
House of Col. Simeon Spalding. Member Provincial Congress. 1775.

1925. A tree planted in memory of Mrs. Mary G.Morrison.

1932. Two trees planted in front of the Spalding House, in memory of the Revolutionary soldiers who had been owners of the Spalding House.

An American Elm given by Mrs. Willard Pratt.
An Arborvitae from the Chapter.

1925. 50 Cherry Trees were planted about a mile up the Merrimack River from the Pawtucket Bridge as a Memorial to those members of the Molly Varnum Chapter, D. A. R. who had gone beyond, but who still live in our hearts.

1901. The Bartlett School was given a Bas-relief, Paul Revere's ride. Cost $12.00

1901. Lowell High School was given copies of Della Robia's The Trumpeteers and The Drums. Cost $20.00

Marker.

The old Oak Tree on Clark Road. The tree was standing as early as 1700. Clake Road is one of the old roads in this vicinity. It has been stated that the soldiers from Tewksbury passed along it on their way to Lexington and Concord. It is also said that the Wamiset Indians met for their Pow-wows under the old tree. It is called the "Pow-wow"tree.

Marker.

June 11, 1935. Bronze Memorial near the Pawtucket Bridge, in memory of Passaconway.

1899. The Chelmsford Boulder.

The Molly Varnum Chapter, D. A.R. placed a Boulder on the village square at Chelmsford, in honor of the Revolutionary heroes from the town of Chelmsford, of which a portion of what is now Lowell, was then a part.

Present were National and State Officers; other D. A.R. Chapters; Sons of the American Revolution, and many others. Flags waved and Bands played.
Mr. Henry S. Perham read from William Fletchers original manuscript, an account of the Battle of Bunker Hill as he saw it. There was a reading from the original manuscript of James Whitcomb Riley's " Old Glory".
The cost of the Boulder and the Marker was about $90.00.

1915. The Lowell Cemetery Lot and Marker.

In 1915 the Lowell Cemetery Corporation presented to the Molly Varnum Chapter a plot of landto be used as a Memorial for the "Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War, who are buried in unknown graves". A two ton granite boulder was found and put on the lot. It cost $90.00. The Boulder was marked with a bronze plaque, properly inscribed. There is mention of the shrubbery on the lot being a gift. Mrs. Wiggin told me that it was a beautiful day when the lot was dedicated. Thesun was shining, with shadows from the surrounding trees playing over the graves and the grass, and that the ceremony was most impressive.
Gradeing of the lot cost $75.00. The money came from the McClarry gift. There was $100.00 Perpetual Care placed on the lot. Later another $100.00 was put on for the same purpose.

Molly Varnum Portrait

In I907 Mr. John Varnum lent to the Chapter an oil portrait of Molly Varnum. In August I926 a letter was received from the lawyer of the John Varnum Estate requesting delivery of the portrait to the heir. The nephew, who lived in Chicago, came during the followihg summer and took the picture. In I9I8 the picture had been cleaned by Molly Earle Wood, and a new frame made for it . Several years before Mrs. Pulsifer had made an oil copy of the portrait for the Varnum School, where there was already hanging a portrait of General Varnum.
There is not at the present time a portrait of Molly Varnum at the Spalding House.

Portrait of a Girl.

In Oct. I907 Mr. Henry Kittridge of Boston lent a "Portrait of A Girl" to the Chapter. It now hangs in the tap-room by the entrance to the old Kitchen. About I850 it hung in the old Middlesex Tavern. It was said to have been taken in payment of a debt by Mr. Kittridge. One story says it may have been a portrait of the tavern keepers daughter, painted by one of the itinerant painters who were traveling around at that period. Mr. Kittridge notified the Chapter that he intended to sell the picture. He was asked his price and as he did not want to set a price , was offered $I0.00. It was accepted.
So the picture belongs to the Chapter by purchase.

1904. The Dracut Library.

The Dracut Library owes its existence to the Chapter. Greatly helped and enlarged later, but its beginning was the work of the Molly Varnum Chapter. The Chairman of the Committee said " The Library has become a reality, not a dream". It had 400 books. Descendants and friends of 423 Dracut soldiers of Revolutionary fame, had contributed over $200.00 to the Library.

Mrs. Homer of Princeton N. J. gave , through the Chapter, $123.00, in honor of her father and mother.

The Chapter contributed over $50.00 to pay for a book to put the soldiers names in. Mr. Ross Turner of Salem was selected to design the book. It was like an old church "Missal". Decorated with the Flora of New England interspersed with copies of old flags and other patriotic emblems. The binding was of olive-green pigskin with gold tooling.

A desk designed to hold this book was given by a member.

A small tract of land was given by another member.

It was all the work of one of the Chapter Committees

Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Palmer gave land to the Dracur Libray.

Mrs. Charles Savege Homer gave over 200 books for the Library.

Photo

Pow Wow Tree. Clark Road

Clark Road was at first a path running from the Merrimack River to the Concord River. It was used by the Indians for portage. It was soon widened to permit ox teams and wagons to travel over it.

The night Paul Revere rode to Concord and sounded his alarm- his call to arms - the men of this neighborhood rode down this road past this historic Oak Tree on their way to defend Concord and Le ington.

Molly Varnum Chapter placed a Marker at the spot where the Oak tree was still standing. Tradition claims that this tree was standing as early as 1700. Under this oak the Wamesit Indians met for their Pow-wows, their Peace Conferences and their Councils of War.

The marker is of cast iron ,painted in aluminum,suitablymarked and located beneath the Oak,on a low post,so it can be read from both approaches to Clark Road. The Tablet is 26 by 30 inches. At the top is the distaff of the D.A.R. insignia,with the words Molly Varnum Chapter and underneath is "Pow-Wow Tree" The inscription was written by Sara Swan Griffin

Dormitory for Girls.
The American International College
Springfield.

The project was undertaken by the Mass. State Society.
In Nov. I923 at a State Conference, it was voted that the Massachusetts Chapters raise as much as possible in three years. Mrs. J. K. Whittier was Ge. Chairman for the Molly Varnum Chapter. MissJulia Pevey was on the State Committee.
First contributions were asked in Feb. I924.
The money was raised by fairs, bridges, pagaents, lectures etc.
By May I925 $ 736.50 had been raised andpaid to the fund.
They were trying to raise 635.00 more.
In Jan. there was a Bridge at Mrs. Thomas Nesmith's. $456.70.
In May I926 there was another Bridge. $I68.I8.
The Chapter raised $I704.00. Balance over quota $I74.00.
Mrs.Magna wrote a letter of appreciation.

VALLEY FORGE

I919 The National Society votedto build a Carrilon Tower,at the Washington Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge. They asked each state to give a bell. Mass. called their bell the 'Paul Revere 'bell. olly Varnum Chapter gave $25.00. About 1947 M.V. Chapt. took a plaque in honor of the Chapter, 25. Several members paid for Memorial Plaques. Now, 34 years later the Tower is going to be dedicated - April I8,I953.
The Tower has 56 bells. It is II2 ft. high. It is not the tallest Tower nor has it the largest number of bells(N.Y.& Chicago have 76 bells) but it does rank as,perhaps,the finest Tower in the country for three reasons. First,the belfry was designed for the bells. Second, the bells are especially harmonious and third,its location on high ground. The bells may be heard at a great distance and the Tower seen for miles around.
It cost $ 356,000.

A Few of the Chapter Activities.

1894. The first year.

1895. The women were so pleased to feel they really were in things. They were asked to assist the fund for the preservation of the State House at Boston.

1896. Hancock-Clarke House. Lexington. $25.00

Washington Statue to be given to the women of France. $5.00

1897, Life Membership, Mary Washington Memorial Fund. $25.00

1898.

The Spanish War had come.

To the Lowell Volunteer Aid Ass'n. $50.00

Walcott Memorial, Boston. $10.00

1899.

Cuban Teachers Fund. $200.00

1900. A Flag was presented to the Whittier Home Ass'n, Amesbury.

1916. Varnum Family Cemetery Memorial Fund. Life Membership. $10.00

Boys Club. Large Light over the Front Door.
Collected books and games. $55.00.

1919. SILVER ANNIVERSARY. Thursday Oct. 31, 1919.

1919. In Mar. the State Society promised to furnish a bell for the Washington Chapel at Vally Forge, to be called the Paul Revere Bell. We gave $25.00. Dedicated, April 18, 1953.

56 bells
Cost of
Tower
$ 356,00
126 ft. high

Toward the restoration of the village of Tilloloi, France $100.00

1920. Royall House ,Medford. $25.00

For restoration of slave quarters and Marker for Mrs. Helen L.Greene, a past Regent of the State Society, and the Regent under whome we formed.

Chapter Actitities

I902. We left the State Organization. Returned the same year.
Mrs. Thompson had found in Washington that the State Society had no official standing, that it was purely a social body, and in protest ,and to establish its st nding, she put through this move.

Miss Irma Varnum sold to the Chapter a painting .
"The Home of Molly Varnum. $5.00.

I903.
A very interesting exhibit of a Phonograph was given by Mr. King. Popular Airs were played.

I905.
Enjoyed very much Victrola playing . Steinert Sons.

I906. Chapter collected 35.00 for victims of San Francisco Fire.

1907. Pentucket Lodge had its one hundredth Anniversary, ar.9 1907.
They were offered the use of the house.
It was at the Spalding House the Lodge received its Charter, I807.

I915.
Oct. Four of our nicest younger members joined the Chapter, at one meeting. Miss Leslie Pullen, Miss Ruth Upton, Miss Ruth Pilling, Miss Emily Wiggin. And at the very next meeting Miss Nell Horner became a member.

1916.
The Preparedness Parade. The women were in the second division. 4000 strong.
Miss Grace Cumnock was Marshall.
Three D. A. R. Chapters took part.
Mrs. Joseph Barber, Mrs. Burton H. Wiggin, Mrs. Charles E. Howe led the Molly Varnum group.

June 1916. A Flag, staff and trappings were given the Greater Lowell Council, Boy Scouts of America. Mrs. Wiggin Regent

1908. $10.00 given toward Rodin Statue

1917 $150.00 to help support 12 Belgian children. Mrs. Wiggin.

1918 Sent $1.50 toward Cabinet in Mass. Room (for relics)

1925 Increased Insurance $4000 on house.

June 1925. Tree planted in memory of Mrs. Morrison

July 1925. New stove purchased

Sept 1925 Re-papered upper and lower halls and Tap Room

Upper & Lower Hall Chart Room Colonial Dining Room Repapered 1951

Dec. 1925 House re-wired

1924 Office of Chaplin established. Mrs. Pulsifer elected.

In the east room there was a four-posted bed belonging to Dr. Joel Spalding's mother. Netted canopy and homespun quilt loaned by a member. Bed and quilt were claimed and removed.

Mrs. Salmon was offered $30.00 for her property in the house or $20.00 for the sofa.

1923 Given to the Boys Club $55.00

1916. Mrs. Morrison gave $750.00 toward the house $500 to start, the rest in smaller amounts.

1926 A portrait of Polly Varnum was removed from the Spalding house by an heir of Mr. John Varnum. Taken to Chicago. Mrs. C.E. Howe notified the Trust Co. of our Morrison Fund of the removal.

1926 July 31. Lawyer notified Chapter that they had had the portrait on the walls of the Spalding House loaned to them by Mr. John Varnum. That Prof. William Varnum wanted it and was coming to get it. It was taken by him.

1927 In May 1927 Dr. Albert Thompson removed Mrs. Henry Thompsons goods from the house. Letter in safe.

1929 New stair Carpet 1951 Carpet replaced.

1912 [illegible] plumbing. New tub. Window cut into bathroom.
Piping replaced 1957 Cost

Sept. 1953 Oil Heater added to Oil Furnace
Cost $500. - [illegible]

The Chapter left the State Society for one year or more, because Mrs. Thompson, Regent, objected to rules and manner of organization. The Chapter was urged to return, at a Regents meeting, held in Boston The Chapter voted to return .

Mrs. Thompson said " In our National Society Constitution, no authority is recognized between the National Organization and the individual Chapter.

New Building at Washington, D.C.

The Mass. State So. gave the bronze doors at Memorial Continental Hall. Also one of I3 columns made of Vermont marble at entrance, south portico. They also furnished the Mass. Room with authentic old Colonial furniture , of true historic value. The fireplace, fireback and mantel, from old N.E. historic houses. A John Hancock desk. A Willard tall clock. Antique, haircloth covered sofa, Chairs, tables, rugs, pictures, corner cupboard, filled with authentic and dainty relics. Brass andiorns, candlesticks, mantle mirror etc.

The Floretta Vining Room.

The room on the 3rd floor furnished by Miss Floretta Vining as an old Colonial Bedroom, was used as a rest room. No indivudial may have a room , a rule of the Nat.So.

Payment for the room not made, the furniture was put in storage and the room was given to Kentucky, in I9I6. In I927 a room in the administration building was available and the Vining furniture used A four posted bed, canopy and tester . Old spread, bureau, washstan chair etc.

Memorial Chairs

I926. Chair No.68I6 .Continental Hall. $ I50.00
To honor Mrs. Ellen Straw Thompson
I926. Chair No. To honor Mrs. Mary Greeley Parker Morrison.

20 cts. per member

I92I. We gave toward the Fountain at Plymouth and toward a $5000.00 painting to be given to France. Both State Projects. Women of

I923. I5 cts per member taken from the treasury.

Miss Julia Pevey was made State Treasurer.

I924.

The Office of Chaplain was Established.
Mrs. Pulsifer was elected.

I925.

Peals Portrait of Washington was purchased by the husband of the Pres. Gen. for $3000.00 and offered to the National Society for the same price. We sent $I.00 as requested.

We have been through our second war. A great deal of work was done. I have made note of a few . Since I9I4

$625.00 given to War Relief.
I57.00 French Wounded.
I80.00 Three French Orphans for three years.
I50.00 Twelve Belgian children for one year.

I944. The 2nd World War began

I944 Given to the Town of Tyngsboro

The Tyng Deed ,on parchment, where, on August I4th, I668, James Parker of Chelmsford conveyed 300 acres to Col. Jonathan Tyng.

About some of the Gifts which have been presented to the Spalding House and the Molly Varnum Chapter.

1906. Mr. Charles Hutchinson. Picture of George Washington.
124

14 Two Gavels have been presented to the Chapter.
In 1906, one given to Mrs. G. C. Brock while she was on a visit to Williamsburg, Va., by Miss Anna A. Gault of Williamsburg. It was made from a piece of the old Sycamore Tree in the church yard at Jamestown, Va. The tree is 200 years old.

The other Gavel, presented in 1908, by Mrs. Grace LeBaron Upton.
334 It was made from the Flag-ship OLYMPIA, and from Adm. Deweys State Room, on that ship.

1908.
The Ladies of the Old South Chapter presented a "Guest Book".
262 Miss Grace Wood. Old Fashion Bonnets. Combs 337 Shell Comb.
205 Mrs. James B. Mitchell Old Corner Cupboard. Tap-room.

1907.
In Fore Room. Given by Mrs. Gibson
182 Gift of two oil portraits . George and Martha Washington.
183
444 Mr. Franklin S. Pevey. The out side "House Marker".

1908.
458 Miss M. Ida Howe. Bed and Wash Stand. (in bed room)
443 Mrs. William H. Varnum. Gen. Varnum's Hat.

1912. Spalding Secretary purchased from Mr. William Spalding for 75.00 and replaced in the room and place where it had stood for many years

1938 Mrs. George H. Upton, Regent, July 2, 1938
Acceptance of a bequest of $2000 from John A. Hunnewell
The money left under conditions. Not paid as yet.
Mrs. Hunnewell died June 14, 1932.
1st payment 1955. $31.50

1915. Mrs. Mitchell of Walpole, N.H. , gave to the Chapter
Mementos of Gen. Varnum. (her ancester) page 65.

1916.

Mrs Lucinder McClary died Jan. 9, 1916. Chapter No.
She left the Chapter its first bequeat . $100.00
The Reading Desk on the platform was purchased from the fund.
It is supposed to have come from an old school house. $20.00
Some of money used for Boulder at Lowell Cemetery
She was a relative of Mrs. Burton Wiggin.

1917. Dr. George F. Kendall gave some of the firearms over the hall fireplace. He came over to the Spalding House, to show Mrs. Wiggin how to hang them. They are very fine specimens and of value. Queen Charlotte Muskett and Powder Horn.
He also gave a lamp, which they had electrified.

1919.

Mr. Charles Young and Miss Grace Young gave the Chapter $100.00 to be called the "Abby Bailey Young Fund, the money to be invested, and the interest to be used for current expenses. (?)
Interest used for upkeep of Flags.

1935. May 5 First Street, Lowell, Mass. (Teacher)
$ 100.00 Income to be used for "Student Aid"
Miss Stella Allen gave three Antique Pieces.
Afoot Stool. 498 Plated Silver Cake Basket.
495 Mahogney Mirror with Veneered Frame.
494 Log Cabin. Foot Warmer.

1941 $ 500.00 Fund. Interest to be used for flowers for ill.
1935 Mrs. Sarah Swan Griffin

509 Mahogney Table. Hall next to fire-place
510 2 chairs bed room. Marked on bottom.
511

1942 Miss Glennis Manlett. Fireplace Brasses. (hall fireplace).
Two chairs on stage .Thumb print glasses. Old Directory.
506 "Liberty Bell " glass cake plate.

I943. Miss Alice Parker. Legacy $ I00.00

19[illegible].
Dec. 4 Knocker on door was a gift from some one whose name was not mentioned.
Mr. Theodore found it on doo of an old house being razed
Gardner.
51[illegible] The easel upon which the Creed is placed was the gift o
Mrs. Edwin T. Shaw.

List of Articles
Packed and sent to Molly Varnum Chapter, D.A.R.
July 1915
By Mrs. Rebecca Bradley (Coburn) Mitchell (Mrs. James L. Mitchell)
Aged 85 years Walpole, N.H.
National No. 9093 Chapter No. 41
Ancestor Gen. Joseph Bradley Varnum
and wife
Molly (Butler) Varnum
Her Great, Great, Grandfather and Grandmother

" Quote from note sent by Mrs. Mitchell

" Pardon this mussy and some what illegible list but something can be forgiven to an old woman of 85 who has only one eye and that a very poor one"

They are probably the most valuable as a group of all the old treasures in the Spalding House. There were 65 or more articles which had been owned by the Bradley and Varnum families. There were two pieces of china which had been owned by our Molly Varnum. Several articles which had belonged to Molly's daughter Molly and to daughter Molly's son, Samuel Adams Coburn.

I mean

205 The Chippendale Corner Cupboard No. 205
221 The "Mote Spoon" No. 221
The Spode and Loestoff China
217-218 The old Pewter Porringers
240 The Blue Plate "Landing of Lafayette at Castle Island, 1816"
228 The old Delft Plate
230-34 The Blue Egg Cups (Very old)
201 The Blue Mug (Very old)
242 Blue Plate No. 242

List of articles given by Rebecca Bradley Coburn Mitchell in 1915

I49-	Cravat. Worn in 1830. Figured plush.	Dr. Tap Room	C	C
I58-	Vest Button and two Pins	" " "	C	C
I59-	Bag. 1837. Silk, owned by Caroline Appleton	" " "	C	C
I60-	" 1832. Given to Mrs. Mitchell's mother, Rebecca Ladd Bradley		C	C
I6I-	Sash. 1830, Sept. 30. Worn by " " , at her wedding	"	C	C
I62-	Towel. Spun and woven by Lydia Jones wife of Dr. Amos Bradley		C	C
I70-	Embroidery. Done by Molly Varnum Coburn, dau. of Molly Varnum		C	C
I74-	Purse. Dark Red, Steele Beads	"	C	C
I78-	" . Knitted (Small) with thimble of Rebecca Ladd Bradley		C	C
I80-	Cotton Instrument Case. Carried by Dr. Amos Bradley	" " "	C	C
I89-	Pink Satin Menu from a Daniel Webster dinner in early 30's	" "	C	C
200-	Masonic Handkerchief. Dr. Amos Bradley	" "	C	C
207-	Menu Blue Satin from Daniel Webster Dinner, 1835	" "	C	C
208-	Hair Chain. Rebecca Ladd.	" " "	C	C
208A	" Bracelet " "	" " "	C	C
	Breast Pin . Missing in March 1922	" " "	C	C
209	Indian Cushion. Given to Eleanor Varnum on her wedding to	" " "	C	C
211	Samuel A. Coburn, 1821 (1st wife)			
* 277-	Vase, Green and Gold. Old Davenport. 1830 "Authentic" Appraised, Mr. William Lappan, China Expert	Front Room	C	C
* 201-	Mug. Lowestoff. Belonged to Molly Varnum	Front Room	C	C
* 202-	Pitcher. " ** " " " " "Helmit Pitcher" Valuable piece copied from another old Helmit Pitcher.	" "	C	C
* 205-	Corner Cupboard. "Chippendale Cabinet"	Tap Room	C	C
* 203-	Cup Lowestoff. Saucer Broken.** Belonged to Molly Varnum	Front Room	C	C
* 206-	Small Plate (same as 227) Very old. From Schenck Family	Front Room	C	C
* 227-	Blue Cup. Over 200 years old (1915) " " " " "		C	C
* 228-	Old Delft Plate. Very old when given to Mrs. Mitchell in 1875 by the Swedish Consul Mr. Christian Boss	"	C	C
* 230- 234	Egg Cups (5) Dark Blue. Very old. Bel. to Mrs. Mitchells Gt. Gt. Grandmother Bradley	Front Room	C	C
* 240-	Blue Plate "Landing of Lafayette at Castle Garden, N.Y. 1816	" "	C	C
* 249- A	Blue Plate. Bel. to Molly Varnum Coburn dau. of Molly Varnum and Gen. Varnum and wife of Gen. Simon Coburn			
* 221-	"Tote Spoon" Bel. to Gt, Grandmother Bradley Mrs. Fred. Lambert has mate to it . She bel.s to Bradley fam.	Tap Room	C	C
* 222-	Small Brown Cup. Very rare and curious. No handles. Secretary,	Front Room		
223-	Saucer Both appraised by Mr. Wm Lappan, Ed. N.Y. Sun, Expert China . Two cups and two saucers very rare. Bel. Lydia Jones Bradley			
* 224-	Bowl. Same as above. Purchased in Lynn by Mrs. Mitchell because like cup, about. Brown outside, white and blue inside.	Tap Room	C	C

Mrs. Mitchell

Note below.

* 238- Commission, Rev. War, Dr. Amos Bradley. Front Hall Wall
Signed by Gen. Joseph Bradley Varnum

235- Sampler. Done by Rebecca Ladd Bradley, 1807 Front Room Wall
Dau. of Dr. Amos Bradley

* 239- " . " by Eleanor Varnum, 1808
Dau. of Col. James Varnum, Ist wife of S.A. Coburn

* 243- Silhouettes. "y father and his two wives" Samuel Adams Coburn
244- Ist wife, Eleanor Varnum
245- 2nd wife, Rebecca Ladd Bradley Front Room Wall

* 217- Porringers. Very old. Tap Room C C
218- Bel. to father of Dr. Amos Bradley.

* 219- Blue Plate. "Brighton Beach" Large, dec. Ship. To Shelf Front Room C C

* 220- Bowl. Spode, blue, gilt, white. "Authentic. Genuine old" Tap Room C C
Old Spode. Appraised by William C. Prince, Expert

* 229- Plate. Pink Lustre. Came from an old Dutch Family Tap Room C C

179- Vase. Tap Room C C

225- Cravat. Embroidered by Caroline Appleton Tap Room Dr. C C
226- Smelling Bottle. Bel. to Gr. Grandmother Bradley
236- Babies Shirt. Worn in 1798. Emb. by Lydia Jones Bradley Tap Room Dr. C C
237- Pin Cushion. (1705). Used by Dr. Amos Bradley. Tap Room Dr. C C
246- Kid Gloves, edged pink. Tap Room Dr. C C
247- Silk Gloves. Worn in 1830 Tap Room Dr. C C
248- Cravat. Worn 1830 by Samuel Adams Coburn Tap Room Dr. C C
249- Babies Cap. Muslin. Tap Room Dr. C C
251- Painting on silk. Caroline Appleton, 1833 Tap Room DR. C C
252- " " Lydia Bradley dau. of Dr. Amos Bradley

310- Red Bag. Part of trousseau of Rebecca Bradley Coburn (1830) " Dr. C C
one side grey. Gilt clasp belonged to Eleanor Varnum
Rebecca 2nd wife was bridesmaid to Eleanor Ist wife
311- Buckle, gilt and pearl. Bel. to Rebecca Ladd Bradley (1830) " Dr. C C
322- Scarf, Buff Gauze
323- Lining to Leghorn Hat, Wedding Bonnet of Rebecca Ladd Bradley " Dr. C C
324- Veil. Black Lace 1830 " Dr. C C
325- Veil Green Gauze 1830 Rebecca Ladd Bradley" " C C

326- Shell Comb. Worn at wedding, 1830, May 13 Tap Room Dr. C C

327 Wedding clothes of Mrs. Mitchell's mother, Rebecca Ladd Bradley, who married Samuel Adams Coburn

Note:
Mrs. Fred Lambert says she sold No. 238 to Mrs. Howe from the estate of Miss Harriet Bradley. But it is listed with Mrs. Mitchell's gift and the number 238 fits in with the other gifts of Mrs. Mitchell.

452 Carved Mug

James L.Mitchell
B
D
M I860,Oct.I8
Rebecca Bradley Coburn (gave daughter Varnum's other maiden name)
B I83I,Aug.25
D

Major Samuel Adams Coburn 1st wife, M. 1820, Eleanor Varnum,
B I795,May I3 dau. Col. James Varnum)
D I856,March 24
M 1830,May I3 2nd wife
Rebecca Ladd Bradley
B I798,April I8
D I847,Nov.2

Gen.Simon Coburn (son of Samuel Coburn and Heziah Durant)
B I770,Feb.I7
D 1843,Sept.4
M I794,July 7
Molly Varnum dau. of Gen. Joseph Bradley Varnum & Molly Butler
B I775,Feb.24
D I866,Dec.I2

Gen.Joseph Bradley Varnum (Rev. Soldier)
B I749/50,Jan. 29
D I82I,Sept.II
M I773,June 26
Molly Butler (Dau. of Jacob Butler and Molly Eames)
B I750,June 4
D I833,April I7 Aet. 82 yrs. (Died while visiting Dau. Molly Coburn)

Gen. Joseph Bradley Varnum
B. I749/50 Dracut
D. I82I, Sept. II "
M I773, June 26 Pelham, N.H.
Molly Butler
B. I750, June 4
D I833, April I7

Jacob Butler of Nottingham
B, I7I8, Nov. I0 V.R. Woburn P.37
D.
M. I746, March II Pelham, N.H.
Mary (Molly) Eames of Wilmington V.R. Woburn P. I23
B. I7I6,
D.

Dea. John Butler
B. I677, July 22 V.R. Woburn P.37
D. I759, July 22 Aet. 83 yrs.
M. I682, Feb. 24
Elizabeth Wilson dau. of Samuel Wilson & Elizabeth Pierce of Woburn
B.
D.

James Butler Emigrant before I653
B.
D.
M.
Mary --
B.
D.

James L.Mitchell
B
D
M I860,Oct.I8
Rebecca Bradley Coburn
B I83I,Aug.25
D

Samuel Adams Coburn(M. Ist.wife, 1820. Eleanor Varnum, dau. Col. James Varnum
B I795,May I3
D 1856,March 24
M May I3,I830 2nd wife
Rebecca Ladd Bradley
B I798,April I8
D I847,Nov.2

Dr.Amos Bradley
B I759,May 30 Coburn Ge. P.I48
D I8I7,May 6 Dracut
M I786,June 22 V. . Dracut P.I6I
Lydia Jones dau. of Evan Jones & Salem,N.H.
B I76I, Aug.I4
D I825,Feb.I5 Dracut

Dea.Amos Bradley Haverhill,Mass.
B I739,April I6 Bradley Gen. PP85-88
D I8I3,Oct.I4
M I758,Feb.20 Haverhill
Elizabeth Page dau. Joshua Page & Hannah Dustin(Dau. Hannah Dustin
B I735,
D I825,July I8

Dea. Joseph Bradley Haverhill,Mass.
B.I706/7. Feb.13
D.I749,Oct.I
M.I735,July 3I
Hannah Marsh
B.
D. I747/8,Jan.24

Joseph Bradley
B.1664/5,Feb.7 Bradford,Mass.
D.1729, Oct.3
M.I69I,April I4
Hannah Heath Dau. of Bartholomew Heath & of Hav. & Newbury
B. I677,
D. I76I,Nov.2

Daniel Bradley of Haverhill & Dr.Amos Bradley
Daniel Bradley Haverhill,Mass. By Rev.Asa M.Bradley
B. I6I5
D. I689,Aug.I3
M. I632,May 2I
Mary Williams
B. I64I,Sept.23
D I7I3,Oct.6

Coburn Gen. Varnum Gen.

1917

Dr. George W. Randall

132. Grand Master Masonic Lodge, July I, I852.

Gifts.

37. Powder Horn.

38. Musket -- Queen Charlotte.

4I. Silhouette. Child. Blue Dress. Gilt Frame. Front Room.

43. " .Lady. " " . " " . " " .

44. Silhouette. Gentleman. Facing left. Gilt Frame. Front Room.

47. " . " .O. M. Barber. Embossed Frame. Front Room.

50. Fluting Iron. Spalding Room.

5I. Lamp. Brass Standard with pendant prisms(one missing) Front Room.

24I. Silhouette. Gentleman. Facing Left. J. M. H. Front Room.

345
488. " . " . " " .Plain Frame. " " . West Wall.

Theodore Parker Estate

In 1938 the Theodore Parker Estate gave to the Chapter the portrait of Mrs. Mary Greeley Parker Morrison, by

Also the picture of the old Parker estate in Dracut, painted by "Hibberd"

Mrs. Horne

Horne Collection. 27 pieces. (D. 1930, May 25) ?

Mrs. Gilmore was Regent in 1930-1933 when Mrs. James D. Horne died. National No.132173, Chapter No.426

A note and flowers were sent in rembrance, probably to Lawrence where she lived. Her son Lwert G. Horne wrote thanking the Chapter and asked if they would accept the collection.

	1 - Old warming Pan. Brass		Front Hall	
525	2 - Antique Pitcher. "The Herald" *	Secretary	Front Room	
526	3 - " Plate	"	"	"
527	4 - Pewter Platter	Mantle	Tap Room	
528	5 - Round Pewter Dish	"	"	"
529	6 -Antique Cream Pitcher "Columbia Star"	Secretary	Front Room	
530	7 - " Covered Dish	"	"	"
531	8 - " Plate	"	"	"
532	9 - " Platter "Asiatic Pheasants" Brown.	"	"	"
533	10- Antique Glass Lamp			
534	11-Brass Oil Lamp and chimney			
	12- Vase with gilt Handle		Tap Room	C C
537	13 Powder Horn			
536	14 Old fashioned skates	Lower	Tap oom	C C
531	15-Miniature Trunk	Colonial	Bed Room	
538	16-Set draughtman's tools	Lower Dr.	Tap Room	C C
539	17-Metronome 540	" "	" "	C C
	18-Book"History Jack & The Giants"1794	Secretary	Front Room	
	19-Small Tray	"	"	"
343	20-Picture "Child in Perambulator"	"	"	"
344	21-Old Fashion Fan			
	22-Antique Trunk		Attic	
	23- Linen Dress. "Called"Bird Dress" by family	Bureau	Colonial	Bedroom
572	24- Indian Hatchet			
573	25-Clothes Stick			
574	26-Odd Picture			
575	27- Old Frame			

Mrs.Sara Swan Griffin (D. 1941,April 28) Griffin

1941. Mrs. Sara Swan Griffin left to the Chapter $ 500.00, the income to be used for flowers for the "shut-ins". Also two old chairs,the Windsor

509 arm chair with rockers

and the mahogany table in the hall by the fire-place. They are marked on the bottom with their history.

No. 2. Herald Pitcher missing
Top of Secretary broken so does not set
stay closed.

Mrs Harriet F. Brock (Nee Harriet F.Howe)
Mrs. Greenleaf C.Brock. Chapter No.50

1925 Mrs. Brock left to the Molly Varnum Chapter

I4 well preserved pieces. Died Oct 1917.

547 I - Old Mahogany Secretary. Front Room
[illegible] - Ten Pewter Plates think is china plates
349 3 - Brown and white Platter Tap Room Fireplace ?
550 4 - Plated Silver Cake Basket
551 5 - " " Ice Pitcher
552 6 - Brass Candle Sticks
553→ 7 - Pair Candelabra - cut crystal pendants Front Room
554 8 - Embroidered Ottoman (cross stitch) " "
555 9 - Mahogany Table " "
557 I0- Hand Painted Mirror
558 II- Mahogany Framed Mirror
559 I2- Scrap Books of the Chapter and the House
359→ I3- Victrola and Records
I4- Paintings:
346 Cresent Madonna By Muirelos
341 Joan D'Arc
342 Pallisades on the Hudson
343 Headquarters of Washington at Newburg
Plates.

Mrs. Brock also gave several small mementoes

✓ 3I3-
Sketch of Methuen with books
3I4- Annals of Iowa Book
342- Painting Washington's Headquarters
343- Painting by Mrs.Brock
357- Piece of tree from Daniel Webster Place Front Room,lower closet C C
402- Brick from house in which George Washington's father was born C C
403- Tin Baker. Front Room ,lower C C
468- Brick from Tethro Coffin House ,Nantucket,Mass. " C C
469- Nail Handmade From old Saltonstall House " C C

II- Sugar Bowl. Strawberry Pattern Tap Room C.C.

58- Benjamin Franklin Mug.I00 years old Front Room C C

I23- Pink Lustre Plate Tap Room C C

3I0- Compote .Brown. Buildings with Columns Tap Room CC

Horne Collection · MARKS

525 No.2. Blue Pitcher
Mark: " Stone Ware" " Coral Border"
Hasting & Potter
for
"Steamer Herald"
of Lowell

63 Mrs. G.C.Brock
Brown Teapot
Cows on sides (perhaps Boston Common)
Mark: "Longport"

532 Horne Collection No.9
Brown Platter
Mark: "Syrian Camel" "G. & R. L"

549 No Record Mrs. Brock see p. 53
Brown Platter Large size. Large Urn and Beehive
Mark: " Grecian - W.R.

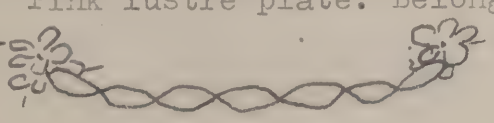
286 Mr.W.H.Spalding
Bennington Jug (12 in. tall)

530 Horne Collection No.7
Covered Dish
Mark: " Asiatic Pheasants"
B.H.& Co.

551 Horne Collection #6
Cream Pitcher "Columbia Star"

229 Rebecca Bradley Mitchell
Pink lustre plate. Belonged to an old Penn.Dutch Family

Edge:-



Given by Mrs.Greenleaf C.Brock
Plate Black and Yellow
Back of plate:

Laberwessel on the Rhine

NO.I06 or 367

E.Wood & Sons

Front of plate
Flowers and ferns. Center,Large Castle,Tower and Boats

Came from a set owned by the Grandmother of Miss Mary Lamson,who has the rest of the set. Soup,dinner and Tea Plates.Tureen, Gravey Boat etc. Miss Lamson told me it was very old when her Grandmother first had it ,

No.499 Given by Mrs. Walter Coburn,Sept.I923
Large med. blue Platter
Back of Platter: Front -Border of Roses & Flowers,Scrolls
White border of Beads
Center - Summer House.. Mansion in Background
Two ladies walking,long dresses, sun-shades.

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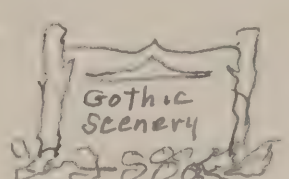
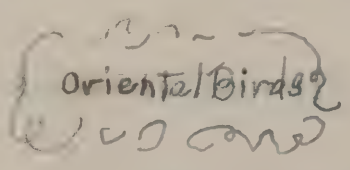


Henshall & Williamson

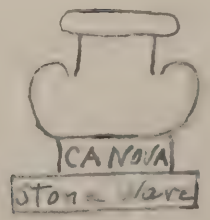
No. 350 Blue Plate. Made by Spode,I820
Back - Front Border - Flowers,Butterflies,
Birds,Scrolls
Center Fruits and Flowers
A series named "Oriental,Italian
or Indian"
Taken from Syriao
Travels in Metsoptania



I. Hall & Sons

Blue Plate (About I2 in.)

Back -



Front -
Border,Bands of Flowers
Panels or medallions of urn
and Boats
Centre - Large Urn. Chinese Pagodas
trees,water,hill and castle.

Top Shelf in the Secretary

424 ** "States Plate" by Clews i5 States. Mrs Brick

** Corner Cupboard ,Front Room By Clews No.240 Top Shelf
240 "Landing of Lafayette at Castle Island, in 1824"

219 " Brighton Beach" No.219

** Old Delft, not English Delft, Made in 17th & 18th Centuries.

**
366 Daniel Webster Plate. Secretary. Made by Enoch Wood & Sons
"Landing of the Pilgrims"

** Wedgewood ,as early as 1774 made designs "Hare & Hounds","Huntsmen" etc
in brown with white raised figures of animals and men.
This may be the Mrs. Chambre piece. (Half a hundred dishes,

**
"Franklin Mug" Corner cupboard, Front Room Front Room C.C.
Maximes by Franklin. Over 125 yrs.old.
" A little makes a mickle"
"
A small leak will sink a great ship"

" There are no gains with out pains"

" Beware of little expenses"

From the REcords:

The Pilgrims were strong " tipplers" as proven by the numberless tankards and cups that are still preserved from early days. No business transaction was consumated, no marriage celebrated or funerial ceremony performed with out the lavish consumption of liquer.

N.E. rum held sway, cider, hard or soft, hot or cold.

Evenings enlivened with "flip", an insidious combination of beer, sugar, egg, rum and spices , burned by the injection into the mixture of a red hot "logger-head" , which formed part of the furnishing of every N. E. fireplace.

For the Tavern Guests "black-strap " was furnished, a mixture of black molasses with N. E. rum.

Silas Royal. Slave

" Gen. Varnum went to Boston to rescue this man from "Ye Infamous John White,the scurrilous tinker of Haverhill" Silas Royals earnings and prize money on the Brig "Franklin" of Salem and the sloop" evenge," in I776 amounted to I46 pounds,I2s,5 pence, which,with the exception of 4 pounds was paid to Joshua Wyman of Woburn who claimed his services but in spite of that,he sold him to the infamous White.

Marie Louis Armand de Marasquelle,Col.of Artillery and Inspection General of Mass. Foundries in the American Revolutionary war.

Naturalized I793 by name of Louis Ansart.

Born France I742. Died Dracut I804

He was amember of the French Academy, a French Courtier who gave his services to this country at the time of the revolution,to make solid cannon, in R.I. and Mass. He had many foundries around Dracut and Chelmsford

Stories

N.Y.Herald Tribune.Plymouth,Mass.Sept.8,I945

The thousands of Americans who trace their ancestry back to the Pilgrim fathers are all descended from 23 original progenitors, according to earliest recordskept by the colony elders. Only 23 out of I02 intrepid souls who sailed on the Mayflower,established lines traceable to the present.

Trunks.

The first trunks were made from trunks of trees. The trunk was hollowed out,closed at both ends. The top split and hinged and leather covered. Lined with newspaper or wall paper.

In I8I0 Gen.Varnum had a bolt of the finest cloth given to him from the mill in Dracut, at Beaver Brook. But even then Molly made it into a suit. Gen.Varnum wore it when he sat as Speaker of The House in the Congress at Washington.

Mr. Livermore lived on Stackpole Street. He called his estate "Belvidere" and so gave that name to that section of Lowell. Whittier in "Snowbound" immortalized Livermore's daughter Harriet, a gifted but excentric woman.

Fort Hill Park gets it name because Wannalancit a fort there to protect his tribe from hostile Indians. Many Indian relics are still found on the hill .

Stories.

Miss Spaldings Will was not found until all the furniture had been given to the cousins and the estate advertised for sale.

It was found in the Old Lowell Bank. It gave the bulk of the estate to the Lowell General Hospital.

Capt.John Ford owned the Spalding House for 13 years. It was known as the Davis Tavern at the time. He probably leased or rented it for he lived next door. It may be he was interested in the saw-mill at the foot of the garden,on the bank of the river.

Capt. Ford led the Minute Men from Chelmsford to Concord .

There was a four post bed in the bed room called "the Gen.Green Bed" it was removed by Mrs.Salmon. She was then offered $ 30.00 for the rest of her property in the house or $20.00 for the sofa.

Royal House,Medford,Mass.

The Royal was first owned by Gov.Winthrope.

It was purchased by the Royal House Ass'n in 1908.

It has elaborate hand carved wood work. Among its contents is the Flag which draped Lincoln's casket. Also Daniel Webster's desk.

A Boston Party Tea Chest,said to be the only one existing. It was washed ashore and rescued after the throwing over board of the tea, into Boston Harbor.

Stories

Gen.Joseph Bradley Varnum By F.W.Coburn

Gen.Joseph Bradley Varnum and his wife Molly Butler Varnum.
Gen.Varnum wrote" throught out the whole struggle of the American Revolution he had the consol tion and accordance of his beloved wife". She helped supply soldiers going from Dracut.
She was one of the descendants of James Butler, who was in Woburn as early as I676,and who was mentioned in Billerica. Dyed Jan.20,I68I.

They had kinship with the Dukes of Ormand,who were Butlers.
A son John Butler moved to Dunstable,Mass. now a part of Pelham,N.H.
It was his son Jacob who married Molly Eames of Pelham and were parents of Molly Butler Varnum. Molly Butler was born June 4,I750

The Butler farm was on the slopes of Jeremy Hill near Gumpus Pond. An old cemetery just east of Mammouth Road contains graves of Jacob and Molly Butler.

Joseph Bradley Varnum,after a long courtship, had to ride eight miles on horseback to get her consent to become his wife. He first knew her in I769 and they were married I773.

Gen.Varnum and Molly lived in Dracut on the old river road They had many trials and afflictions. Had I2 children.

They are buried in The Family Cemetery ,which is across the road from where the Varnum home stood for many years before it was burned

Stories General Varnum

It was a great event when the General started for Washington on the stage coach, with the old leather covered trunk and with his black servant "Royal"

His clothing was entirely of homespun, woven by his wife on her loom at the farm in Dracut.

For 37 years Molly wove and made the clothes for her husband and her family.

In I8I0 gave Gen. Varnum a bolt of the finest cloth from his mill in Dracut at Beaver Brook and Molly made it into a suit of clothes, which the General wore as he sat as Speaker of the National House at Washington.

I am agreeably disappointed in the manners and habits and hospitality of this city,and particularly with the perfect civility and familiar intercourse among the members.

I have not formed many acquaintances because we have had no parties and no amusements,- but we may accept some.

I received an invitation from the French minister to attend eight parties at his home:namely: two in January,two in February, two in March, and two in April.

Mrs. Adams holds her levees every alternate Wednesday. Last Monday I called to congratulate the President, John Adams, on the favorable auspices of the New Year, and soon after all the foreign ministers entersd in their full court dress,with the different orders of nobility and an abundance of gold lace; then followed twenty Indian Chiefs in blue frock coats with a splendid epaulet on each shoulder,etc,etc, They are fine looking men,have intelligent countenances and conducted themselves with propriety. Then followed the Army and Navy in scores, and members of Congress by the hundred. Then came the Vice-President, heads of departments,with all Secretaries and clerks, great numbers of citizens and strangers were pressing forward with hundreds of ladies in their splendid dresses and plumes of white,green and red ,three feet in length all on the same bonnet.

As it is very ungenteel for any man to be seen with his wife ,two gentlemen,who happened to be in that mortifying situation strung their wives on my arms and I was obliged to carry them about for nearly two hours.

Five large rooms were open on this occasion, one of which,at the East end of the White House has never been furnished. The members of Congress were much mortified that strangers and foreigners should see the naked room, and the next day a resolution was passed to furnish it. The Southern members said it was a dammed Yankee trick of Mrs. Adams, but it

was a good one and they would vote for it.

There were nearly two thousand persons present and it was pronounced to be the finest show of the kind. We have no theatres ,no Public balls;very few parties, in short,there is nothing more interesting than you would find at Portsmouth

Signed

Joseph Bradley Varnum

Garrison House. On the road leading from Pawtucketville to the Navy Yard iswhere the Garrison was in I674. It was a place of protection for the early settlers , from hostile Indians. Dracut. House torn down.

On the other side of the river at Clarke'sFerry ,Chelmsford is where the Old Middlesex Canal started. It was a wonderful feat of engineering for the times and the first canal in the U.S. open for travellers. 1808. Not far from the head of the canal,Middlesex St. touches the "old Highway" near the once famous Glass Works (Chelmsford) Est.I802,by Boston parties. All destroyed .One tenement house,built for the employes is still standing.

On Another old road,now Pine STeet, is the Henry Parker House. Always owned by the Parker family. The land is part of the land sold by the Wamesit Tribe of Indians.

The "Little Red School House"was at what is now School and Westford Streets. School Street goes past the old cemetery at School and Middlesex Streets. and goes on to Pawtucket Street. There was the Capt. John Ford House.and the Davis Tavern, now the Spalding House built 1761. The tavern was used by the raftsmen from N.H. and travellers on horse back. Where the Ayer House now stands was the wig-wam of Wannalancit. Many instruments found in the ground there and where the Textile School now stands.

The Cheever and the Fletcher Farms went downto what is now Worthen St Bradleys Ferry ,where the Centreville bridge now is in I737.

Near what is now Merrimack Square (Kearney Square) stood the House of Nathan Tyler, surrounded by large fields.Mr.Tyler sold some of the land to the Merrimack Mills, Mr. Tyler ,seven sons and three daughters lived in the large house which was aftewards turned into a Hotel. The Tyler Family Tomb is in the old School Street Cemetery.

Pictures of Gen.and Molly Varnum at the Varnum School purchaced by the Graduates since I847. Presented in I9I3.

I Benjamin Franklin Varnum (Sheriff)an original by Healey, I84I
2 Mrs. Molly Butler Varnum painted by Mrs.Nathan Pulsifer.
3 Gen.Joseph Bradley Varnum painted by John I.Cogeshall, from a large portrait in the Speakers Gallery ,House of Representatives Washington,D.C.

March I923. Mrs. Pulsifer Regent.
April I023. Legal notice.

October I926. Allowed to fix closet door.

March I923. Word "Maintaining" means keep in repair - to keep up - to preserve something already in existance. This would include painting, repairs to roof or other parts of the structure.
But would not include changes in structure, additions or improvements, so called, and not include coal bills or caretaker hire, nor the payment of ordinary bills of Chapter such as heating janitor or care-taker services
* No mortgage over 30 days or money goes to Lowell Day Nursery.

1930. Miss Pevey Regent. Insurance a correct expense.

April I924. Mrs. Pulsifer, Regent.

List of Bonds of the Morrison Fund				Income I924
$3000 U.S.1st.Liberty Bonds	3½	6/I5/47	$2,987.8I	I05.00
$I000 Dom.Canada	5	5/I/52	995.25	50.00
$I000.Hydraulic Power	5	5/I/52	$ 982.50	50.00
$I000 Montreal L.P.Co	5	4/I/33	$ 962.50	50.00
$I000 U.S.Steele Co.	5	4/I/63	$I,026.00	50.00
$I000 Gen.Electric	5	9/I/52	$I,007.62	50.00
$I000.So.Pacific Co.	5	I2/I/38	$ 965.00	50.00
$I000 Southern Powèric	5	3/I/30	$ 965.00	50.00
				455.00
			Com.	2[illegible].75
				43[illegible].25
			exp.	I.00
				$43I.25

Mr. Bassett, Lawyer.

Payments made quarterly

Regent must write to [illegible]
to make statement as to Chapter.

Gifts. Books.

Presented by
Maryville College. History of Maryville College.
Mrs. H. M. Thompson. Old Families Amesbury and Salisbury. Vol. I.
220 [illegible]
Mr. John Varnum. Gen. Joseph Bradley Varnum.
199 Moses G. Parker M. D. Book on Birds.
358 Mrs. G. C. Brook. The Historic Codfish.
357 " " " . John Paul Jones.
Mass. Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolution 7 Vols.

Antique Reader.
New York Spelling Book.
Life of Homer.
Holy War.
History of New England.
Christian Lyre.
Book Of Common Prayer.
Universal History U. S. A.
Royal Standard English Dictionary.
Vol. I. Spectator.
Select Collection of Poems. 1807.
Napoleon Bonaparte.

Lineage Books.

D. A.R. Lineage Books. 26 Vols Purchased by Chapter
Directory, N. S. D. A.R.
Smithsonian Reports. 8 Vols.
Essex Antiquarian. 17 No's. Mrs. H. M. Thompson.
Honor Roll Mass. Patriots.
Sleeper Hollow Church Records.
Register N. H. Colonial Dames. Mrs. H. M. Thompson.
List of Dracut Soldiers. 26 Vol's.
List of Colonial Ministers.
Ancestry Warren And Prescott Chapter.
Mass. D. A. R. Year Books. 1903-4, 1905-6, 1907-8.
Missouri Soc'y S. A.R. 1900.
Kennebeck Journal, 1809.
Real Daughters of the American Revolution. Purchased 1911
Annals of Iowa.

Goodins of Kittery Me. Mrs. H. M. Thompson.
Gen. Lamb, Savory, Harriman Families. Mrs. H. M. Thompson

Bradford History.
Old Ipswich. 2 No's.
Newbury.

Pentucket Lodge.
Lowell Book
History of Society, D.A, R.
Memorial Continental Hall.

92 Mrs. Solon W. Stevens. Book. Antique Parchment Cover.

Move in 1950 — not before year.

Books.

History of Amesbury.
" " Thomas Butler and Descendants
" " Newbury, Mass.
" " Colby Family.
" " Fiske Family.

Gone — emoics of a Nonegenarian. Sarah Ann Emery. Mrs. H. M. Thompson.

Gone — egisterv Soc. Colonial Dames. Given by Mrs. H. M. Thompson.

Gone — illsbury Family.
Vol's Mi olesex County Records. Mrs. Thompson.

oo y nd Porcelain.
Chi Collecting in America.

1908 — ums of Dracut. Green Binding. Mr. John Varnum. Secretary

ecipes From Virginia.

he Old Meeting House.

ayside Inn.

Gone — ah Swan Griffin Book

Miss Glennis anlett. Very old Directory

Papers.

38 — Commission. Given to Dr. Amos Bradley. Countersigned by Joseph Bradley Varnum, husband of Polly Varnum.

60 — . George F. Richardson. Boston News Letter.

Newspaper clipping about Miss Sarah Spalding
Given by Mrs Kipley through Miss Bellow. Secretary

Gifts. Bric-a-Brac.

Mrs. Henry M. Thompson.

Many Vases.

One Antique Vase. White with Floral Decoration and Gilt.

83 Tray .Painted with large spray. Rafter Kitchen Mantel

Gifts. Brass and other Metsls.

564 rs. Grace L. ttuck.
One pair of [illegible] lesticks.
57[illegible] One Brass Garmin[illegible]n.
571 One Brass Kettle.
568 " Curtain Plates 569,567,575,571 " " " "

60 Mrs. Gardner King.
Egg Cooker. Iron.

Mrs.Harriet F.Brock
552 Brass Candle Sticks

iss Glennis Ranlett
Fire Place Brass. Front Hall.

Gifts Chairs

Mrs.Walter Coburn
67 Chair.Ladderback

Mrs. Henry Thompson
381 Chair.Antique. Split seat

106 Mrs Edward Salmon
107 3 wooden Chairs. Entry Hall
108

500 Mrs.Charles Savage Homer Pentucket Hall
Black,arms,Gilt trim. Belonged to Moses Davis
one of first owners of house. Given Sept.1923

111 Miss Martha Dadman
6 Wooden chairs painted yellow Tap Room

28 Laura Wentworth Fowler In memory of Miss Sarah Spalding
Wooden chair.Painted Frame.Fruit and leaves
Originally in old Fairbanks House

69 Miss Josephine Earle
Rocking Chair,arms,cane seat.Black Front Room

164 Spalding House Committee
165 Rocking Chair.Antique ladderback Spalding Room
291 2 chairs Antique,black " "
368 2 " " " Cane Seats
371 4 " " ,painted Rush seats
377 4 " Mahogany, Black haircloth,Slip seats Front Room
476 Windsor Chair.Black with out arms Entry Hall

511 → Miss Glennis Randlett - 1 Hitchcock Chair (1931)
502
503 2 Hitchcock Chairs Painted. Old. Platform Pentucket Hall

Several chairs in the attic.

510 Mrs. Sarah Swan Griffin
510-A Two Windsor Chairs (Marked underneath) Bed Room
509 One with arms
One with rockers
Period 1730 to 1820

330 Mrs H.M.Thompson
Loving Cup.Green Fruit Design China Closet

331 Cup and saucer.Belonged to Dr.Spalding.
white with garnet colored diamonds Tap Room C C

287 Mrs.Solon Stevens Plate,Copper Luster.Dog and Game
288 Sugar Bowl,Copper Lustre,Dog and Game
289 Tea Pot , " " , " " " Tap Room C C

10 Mrs.Nathaniel Peabody,Yellow Pitcher Lowe Closet C C

10 Mrs.W.H.Anderson,Dark Blue Platter
13by 17,Castle,Lake,Urn.

85 Ella H,Stevens. Plate Pink Lustre.
Lustre circle in center. 3rd shelf,Tap Room C C

96 Mrs. Horace J.Holden
Tea Pot Copper Lustre Front Room C C

307 Mrs.Chambre. Three part dish .Salt,pepper Tap Room C C
1917. Brown with white raised dogs and Deer

62 Miss Harriet Bradley
Bottle Belonged to Josiah Whittemore of Cambridge
Front Room C C

286 Mrs.W.H.Spalding.
Bennington Ware Pitcher.Brown Stone. Lower CC Front Room

521 Miss Anna Mae Woolley,Heirs Everett H.Walker 1935
522 Two small pottery vases.Very old.

Miss Mary E. Fletcher.Hand Painted Punch Bowl
Silver Ladle Tap Room

70 Mr.Kirk Manahan White Cup with out handles Tap Room C C

188 Molly Varnum Committee
349 Large Plate Canova on back. Blue 4th shelf C C Tap Room
" Light blue.Jas.Edwards on back "

Doners un-named
351 Plate Blue,Old English,Adams & Son. 4th Shelf C C Tap Room
355 " Light Blue "Masons" 2nd shelf,(prob. Mrs Solon Stevens)
347 Sugar Bowl ,Flowing Blue "Scundo"
354 Saucer,Blue & white.Small,(Copeland Spodes Tower,England)

356 Tureen White Blue Band. Attic Trunk

58 Mrs.Greenleaf C.Brock
Benjamin Franklin Mug. Over 100 yrs.old. Tap Room C C

304 Miss Sarah Spalding
Dark blue Gravey Boat Chinese Pagoda Tap Room C C

Mrs. Walter Coburn
Tea Pot Pink Dec.Shells and Flowers
499 Platter Gothic Scenery. Henshall & Williamson

I Mrs. G.C.Brock
Sugar Bowl Strawberry Pattern Tap Room C C
I23 Plate Pink Lustre

Mrs. Edward Salmon
7 Plate Strawberry Pattern Top Shelf Tap Room C C
13 Plate Asiatic Pheasants W.C.& Co.
53 Saucer Gold Lustre
93 Plate Blue and White Mts, River, Pagoda, very old
352 Plate Copper Lustre

3I0 Mrs. G.C.Brock
Brown China Compote. Building with Columns.

464
Cup. Lowestoft, Pink and Green
One large spray and five small sprays
Rings inside around top.

85 Miss Ella Stevens
Ruby Lustre Plate Top shelf Tap Room C.C.

596 Mrs. James T.Smith, Presented by
Lord Nelson Pitcher Top Shelf Secretary.

36b Mrs. Greenleaf C.Brock
Daniel Webster Plate
Used at a dinner given for Daniel Webster
of Marshfield, Mass. Dishes brought from England
for the occasion, which was given in Boston.

424 Mrs. G.C.Brock
"States Plate "
Festoons with the names of fifteen states Sec.

Gifts Clothes

472
473
474 Mrs. Emma Gould Woods
Dress,Shoes,Cape belong to Eliza Hunt Woods
Were worn in San Francisco in I856

303 Miss Penniman Antique Fan. I00 yrs old
Was the wedding fan of Patience Hastings Tap Room C C

337 Miss Grace Wood
26I Shell Combs
262 Old Bonnets

326 Mrs.Rebecca Bradley Mitchell
Shell Comb
Clothes and articles from wedding of her mother

290 Mrs. Solon Stevens
Antique corsets.Hand made

Gifts. Firearms.

Dr. G. M. Randall.

37 Powder Horn entrance Hall

38 Musket. Queen Charlotte Musket. Entrance Hall

Mr. Frederick Chase.

104 Pistol. Antique. Entrance Hall

Mrs. Charles E. Howe.

36 Pair of Swords. Entrance Hall

512 Miss Anna Mae Wooley.and Heirs of Everett H. Walker. 1935.
Gun. Belonged to Grandfather who served 8 years in the Revolutionary War. Hall

Mrs. Grace Y. Shattuck.

491 Powder Horn. Used in the Battle of Concord.Tap Room C.C.

Gifts. For Fireplaces.

[illegible] Mrs. H. M. Thompson.
Andirons. Iron Hessian Soldiers. Entrance Hall
387 Kettle. Iron, small, uncovered, three legs. " Hall
480 Foot Stove.

Mrs. Edward Salmon.
38 Bellows. Painted with leaves and shells. Entrance Hall

Mrs. Ralph Kirtland.
163 Fire Dogs. Small. Iron.

Mrs. C. C. Hedrick.
151 Fire Dogs. Small .Iron. Spalding Room

492 Purchased by the Chapter. Brass hooks for the fireplace. "

Found in the Spalding House.
385 Bellows. Painted Yellow. Originally in Spalding Room.
383 " .
124 Coal grate and Ash Tray. " " " " .
490 Fire place Hooks. " " " " .
485 " " " . Entrance Hall .
388 Andirons. Tall. Iron. Tap Room
398 Tin Baker. Small.
397 Shovel. Very long handle for use in brick oven. Tap Room
391 " . Iron. For Fireplace. Spalding Room
386 Tea Kettle. Iron. Tap Room
382 Toast Rack. Antique,
389 Tongs. Brass Trimmings. Originally in Spalding Room.
395 Shovel. " " " " " ".
Miss Glennis Ranlett- ~~399~~, ~~395~~ Entrance Hall
507 " Fire Tongs
507A " Shovel

Gifts. Mirrors.

Mrs. Crawford Burnham.
64 Mirror. Gilt Frame .Large, Picture, Girl at Piano. Tap Room
94

Mrs. C. C. Hedrick. Brass eagle on top Front Room
Mirror. Chippendale. Mahogany Frame.

109 Mrs. L. K. Leach.
Mirror. Mahgoany Frame. Larger than 338 Entrance Hall

Mrs. C. C. Wilson.
339 Mirror. Gilt Frame. Picture of Lake and Castle. Front Room

Miss Stella Allen. Oct. 1922
495 Mirror. Heavy Mahogany Frame. 22 33½ inches.

557 Mrs. Harriet Francena Howe Brock
558 2 Mirrors [illegible] painted Mahogany [illegible]

Gifts. Furniture

Mrs. Gardner King

59 Counterpane. Hand woven. Blue and Brown Colonial Bedroom
68 Reel
6I Winder Used in old mill in Dracut Pentucket Hall

Mrs. O.B.Ranlett

335 Larger Spinning Wheel " "

Mrs. Nathaniel Peabody

I8I Wooden Biggin (Large wooden mug or cider pitcher)

435 Dr.Spalding's Secretary. Purchased by the Re-furnishing Committee. $75.00

Miss Floretta Vining

26 Twin Dining Tables. Inlaid,4 spindle legs, one round one
27 square end leaf. From an old house in Groron.

Mrs Rebecca Bradley Mitchell

205 Chippendale Corner Cupboard

Miss M.Ida Howe

45 Bed
48 Wash Stand Colonial Bed ROOM

Mrs.Harriet Francena Howe Brock

[illegible] Secretary
[illegible] Ottoman Cross Stitch Cover

Gifts. Glass.

515 rs. Edward Fisher. High Glass Cake Dish. I933.

505 iss Glennis Ranlett. 5Thumb Print Glasses. I93I.

504 rs. William M. Sherwell. Cut Glass Punch Bowl. I93I.

506 iss Glennis Ranlett. Liberty Bell Cake Plate. I93I. Loc. Front Parlor

5 ine Gl sses. ape vine border. piral tem. hite i e. ront oom C.S.

02 ottle .Originally belo ed to Josiah hittemore of Cambridge randfather of the isses radley and b whom it was given to r. palding. At h s d ath it was returned to the Misses Bradley and iven by them to Molly Varnum Chapter. Tab Rm. SS

226 Smelling Bottle. Property of the Mothe of Dr.Amos Bradley. Tap oom CO

Gifts. Clocks.

18 r. . W. Thompson. Banjo Clock. From old Amoskeag Mill Tap Room

152 rs. . W. Thompson. Hall Clock. Mahogany. Spalding oom

?60 rs. G. L. Morrison. Old English. Tall. Mahogany Case. arked. Hall? Clock Pentucket Hall

Gifts. Lamps, Candlesticks, Heat

Mrs. Rowena Read 1906

74 Two hanging lamps. Ground glass globes
76 Chandelier. Antique. Two lights. — Spalding Room

Mr. Lucius Derby 1906

77 Bracket Lamps (From house of Mr. Ludlam) — Pentucket Hall
78 Came from England
79

294 Mrs. H.M. Thompson
Candlestick for electric light. — Front Room Wall

153 Mrs. Walter Coburn
Pair White Lamps — Mantel Pentucket Hall

51 Dr. G.M. Randall
Lamp. Antique. Standard in crystal pendants — Front Room

494 Miss Stella Allen. Foot Stove. — Tap Room Fire-place

[illegible] Mrs. Harriet F. Brock
Pair Candelabra. Cut crystal pendants — Front Room

MissE.Josephine Haskell Viol

446 This Viol came from Josiah Griffin of
I8I0
it was used by him during his life and then given to
J.Edward Griffin.
Upon his death it became the property of
E.Josephine Haskell
by whom it was presented to the
Molly Varnum Chapter
D.A.R.

Gifts Miscellaneous

280 Mrs Rowena Hildreth Read
Pair of large link brass chains, used in Pentucket Hall for supporting partition

556 Mrs. Elmer Shattuck Safe. I933

505 Miss JuliaT. Pevey Steel File Box Spalding Room Closet

334 Mrs. Gracey LeBaron Upham Gavel. Engraved.
Silver Band From Deweys State Room on Flag Ship Olympia

520 Mrs. Edwin T. Shaw. Easel I933

517
517 A Miss Florence Young and Mrs Elmer Shattuck
Two Flags for the Platform in Pentucket Hall
The American Flag and the D.A.R. Flag

491 Bunker Hill Ass'n. Gavel. Inlaid. Chart with it.

15 Mrs. G.C. Brock Hatch Gavel. Wood from Mt. Vernon
From old Sycamore Tree over 200 yrs old.
Presented for Miss ANNA A. Gault. Williamsburg, Va.

275
276 Two old small trunks
One from Mr. Horne. One from

49 Mrs. Eugene Hylan Flag with Staff

Funeral Wreath Miss Elizabeth Coburn
302 Framed Colonial Bed Room

447 Mrs. Paul Butler
Old Hour Glass Tap Room

407 Mrs. Elmer Allen, Shirley, Mass.
Photograph of Mrs. Chick, Real Dau. of Revolution
Front Room, Front wall.

459 Mrs. C.A.R. Dimon
Black Ebony Cane. Belonged to Dr. Charles Avery

452 Mrs R. B. Mitchell
Carved Norwegian Wood Mug. Very old 2 or 300 yrs old

102 Mrs. Southwick
Framed Sampler. Tryphena Coles Front Room Wall
worked in I798

415 Chapter Charter. National Society. D. A. R. Oak Frame. Entrance Hall

Miss Sarah Spalding.
[illegible] Declaration of Independence. Colored [illegible].

Mrs. J. Tyler Stevens. Spalding Room
171 Dr. Joel Spalding. Photo. Mahogany Frame. Two wheeled Chaise.

Mrs. E. S. Southwick.
102 Sampler. Date 1798. Done by Tryphena Cole. Front Room

Mrs. L. B. Leach.
75 Home of Washington. Engraving. Walnut Frame. Front Room

Mrs. Charles Howe.
I The Constitution. Framed.

Mrs. Gibson.
[illegible] Martha Washington. Oil Portrait. Gilt Frame. Front Room
[illegible] Gen. George Washington. Small Oil Portrait. Gilt Frame.

Mr. C. C. Hutchinson. 1906
[illegible] George Washington. Colored. Light Oak Frame. Chamber

Mrs. Gardner King.
[illegible] Eleven Presidents of the U. S. on Glass. Front Room

Mrs. B.H. Wiggin.
[illegible] Portrait of Lady. Old Print. Chamber

From
Family of Peter Lewson. Testimonial to Joel Spalding
[illegible] Mourning Picture. Spalding Room

Miss Elizabeth C. Coburn. Made by donor
Vegetable Wreath. Black Walnut Frame. Chamber
[illegible] Picture of Girl. Burr Frame. Attic

Mrs. G. A. Milton. Waltham, Mass.
[illegible] Old Faneuil Hall. Wood-cut Attic

Mrs. H. M. Thompson.
[illegible] Bunker Hill Monument. Engraving. Mahogany Frame. Chamber
[illegible] George Washington. Large, figure standing, wide dark frame.
94 " " . Head. Small Colored Print. Gilt Frame.
[illegible] " " . On Horse. Small. Colored Print. Blk. Frame
[illegible] Battle of Bunker Hill. Old Engraving. Mahogany Frame. Chamber

Mrs. G.C. Brock. Crescent Madonna by Murelos
343 Sketch. Done by Donor. Gilt Frame.
[illegible] Washingtons Headquarters. Gilt Frame.
341 Joan of Arc.

Donated by Masons For the Spalding Room. Spalding Room
Emblem. Signed by the Curators.
[illegible] " . Grand Lodge of Mass. Blue Frame.
117 Tablet. Brass. Done by Laurin Martin.
[illegible] Emblem. Black Walnut Frame.
131 Emblem. Figure on Monument.
[illegible] Emblem. Dark Frame. Dated 1852.
[illegible] Emblem. " " . 1866.

29 Purchased by Chapter 1910
Large oil painting of an unknown girl, by an artist who was stopping over night at the old Middlesex Tavern. Thought it might be dau. of Tavern Keeper. Taken by Mr. Henry Kittredge for debt. Lent to Chapter, then sold for $ 10.00

181 Purchased by Chapter
Miss Irma Varnum, water color. Varnum Farm, home of Molly Varnum during the Revolution. $ 5.00

146 Presented by Lydia Darrah Chapter.
Engraving, "Minute Man of Lexington" Framed.

2 Mrs. Henry M. Thompson
Parson Wells and Wife N.Y.City, Colored Print

439 Miss M.E. Warren, "Courtship of Alonzo and Melissa. Antique.

250 Miss Brenda Pettingell Behind folding doors Front Room
American Eagle. Small. Gilt Frame.

57 Mrs. H.A. Lambert 1939. Lent to Chapter.
56 Mrs. Jonathan Spalding, Mother of Dr. Joel & Miss Sarah Spalding
Mr. Jonathan Spalding, Father Dr. " " " "
Given to the Chapter by Miss Helen & Dr. John Lambert.

55 Mrs. Henry M. Thompson
Washington and Lafayette. Engraving. Front Hall

87 Mrs Joseph Smith
George Washington. Engraving. Standing figure. Tap Room

95 Mrs. Charles C. Hedrick
George Washington. Painted on Glass. Old. Entrance Hall

Dr. A.W. Burnam
301 Origin of the Stars and Stripes (With flags)
305
Mrs. Lewis E. Barnes
Congress. July 4, 1776 Upper Hall
306 → Origin of Stars and Stripes (With out flags)

441 Dr. George L. VanDursen Two pictures 1933
442

Mrs. Theodore E. Parker. From the estate 1938
545 Painting of Mrs. Mary Greely Parker Morrison
By artist Tap Room

440 Mr. James Savage
Washington's Farewell To His Generals

Theodore Parker Estate 1938
546 Picture of Mrs. Morrison's birthplace, Dracut
Painted by Hibbard the eminent artist

Pictures.

Masonic Emblem. Presented by Masons
139 Emblem. Dark Frame. Date 1875. In Spalding Room

Purchased by the Chapter.
168 Battle Beuna Vista . Small Colored Print. Entrance Hall
181 Varnum Homestead. Water Color. Large. Gilt Frame.
Painted by Mrs. John Trull. Tap oom
Battle of New Orleans. Small Colored Print. Tap Room
107 Seige of Vera Cruz. Colored Print. 1847 Entrance Hall
418 Rev. John Manning, A. M. Antique. Small. Dark Frame.
411 First page of the Dracut Book. Done by Ross Turner.
407 Photo. Mrs. Rhoda Chick. Neal Daughter. Front Parlor
414 Boy With Ruff. Antique. In Color. (Disappeared Feb. 1922)

Gifts. Silhouettes.

Dr. G. W. Randall.
41 Child. Blue Dress with White Collar. Embossed Frame. Front Room
43 Lady. Blue Dress with White Collar. Plain Gilt Frame.
44 Gentleman. Facing left. Embossed Gilt Frame. " "
47 " . O. M. Barber. Embossed Frame. " "
241 " . Initials J. M. H. Plain Frame. " "
3[illegible] Boy. Full Length. Mahogany Frame. (Disappeared Feb. 1922)
486 Gentleman. Facing left. Plain Frame. Front Room

Mrs. Walter Coburn.
40 Captain Jonathan Spalding. Front Room
46 Mrs. " " . " " Nee Sarah Dodge

Mrs. Rebecca Bradley Mitchell.
243 Samuel Adams Coburn.(Silhouette) Front cor by J.C.
244 Eleanor Varnum. (Ist wife of Samuel Adams Coburn)
245 Rebecca Ladd Bradley. Second wife of Samuel Adams Coburn.

Gifts. Rugs.

Purchased by Chapter.
279 Navajo Indian. Also 191, 254, 255, 257, 258, 259,
Pentucket Hall 189, 263, 264, 265, 266,

Miss Celestia Chase.
61 Small Rug.

Mrs. Parent.
208 Art Square. Bokara pattern.

215 Mrs. H. M. Thompson.
Braided Rug. Oval.

Mrs. George W. Harris.
91 Made over carpet rug.

Miss Mary Shattuck.
Large Carpet Rug. Red Stripe Border.

447 Mr. Charles Bartlett
Stair Carpet. Records show vote of thanks.

263 Rag Carpet Rug. Chamber 12 by 3

264 Braided oval Rug Tap Room

266 Rag carpet

267 Art Square. Dark Red. Chamber. Given by Mrs. Parent.
New Stair Carpet. Oct 1953. (Robertson Co.) Cost $

Gifts. Silver.

562 Mrs. Grace Y. Shattuck.
Silver Sugar Tongs.

513 Mrs. George E. Bicknell. Silver Teapots and Tray. 1929.
513A Purchased with money left the Chapter by Mrs. Bicknall
50.00 $ 50.00

Mrs. Roger Gage. Two Silver Teapots.

560 Miss Mary E. Fletcher. Silver Ladle. 1931.
560A

198 Miss Stella Allen. Plated Silver Diamond Shaped Basket. 1922

551A Mrs. W. W. Thompson. Silver Tray for Ice Pitcher.

550 Mrs. Harriet F. Brooks. Silver Olive Baskets
551 " " F. Brooks Silver Tea Caddy

Gifts. Pewter.

Mrs. Grace Y, Shattuck.
564 One pair of Pewter Candlesticks. Tap Room Mantel
567 " Pewter Porringer.
568 Two " plates.
569 One " Tea pot.

Mrs. Rebecca Bradley Mitchell. Belonged to Dr. Amos Bradley
217+218 Two Pewter Porringers. 217, 218. Tap Room C.C.

Miss Louise Meader.
281 Coffee Pot. Brittannia. Front Room Sec.

Mr. John Varnum.
330 Pewter Teapot. Belonged to Gen. J. B. Varnum. Sec. Front Room

548 Mrs. Harriet F. Brock Ten Pewter Plates (did not find)

Gifts Tables

26 Miss Floretta Vining
27 Twin dining tables. Inlaid. 4 spindle legs. One round and one square leaf each. Mahogany. From old house, Groton, Mass.

65 Mrs. G.E.Bicknell
Mahogany Table. Center Standard. Two leaves. Large. Round

84 Mr. Theodore Gardner
Small, round, Tip-top Table Pentucket Hall

82 Mrs.C.C.Hedrick(Blanche Weaver)
Hepplewhite Card Table. Inlaid. One leaf. Folding leg.

89 Mrs.Solon Stevens
Square card table. Mahogany. Standard in centre. Hall

122 Mrs.Orrin Ranlett
Pembrooke Table. Two leaves stained. With drawer. Legs bevelled

128 Mrs.L.K.Leach
Old Maple Sewing Table. Two drawers. Front Room

253 Mrs.C.C.Wilson
Card Table. Lyre center Front Room

143 Mrs. [illegible]
Dressing Table. Painted Yellow. Decoration Chamber

187 Molly Varnum Chapter Committee
292 Serving Table. Mahogany. Center standard Tap Room
Gate legged table. 8 legs. Round. Mahogany Spalding Room

509 Mrs. Sarah Swan Griffin
Mahogany Table (Marked underneath) Hall

Rev. W. B. Tuthill.

" At the time of the Revolution for Independence the people had developed a very clear idea of the importance of independence and liberty --- indivual independence, not national independence. Patrick Henry's outburst, " Give me Liberty or Give me Death" was a personal desire for freedom. By the war of 1812 the United States had developed a Nationalism -- a nation which pulled together. The Monroe Doctrine was a product of this.
We had learned Liberty.
Webster said " Not Liberty first and Union afterward"BUT
" LIBERTY AND UNION, now and forever."

Oct. 1926. Mrs. Fillingast said " In 1775 the old Bay State was called the hot bed of rebellion; now the people are so indifferent one half million will not take the trouble to register to vote.

Wayside side Inn.

Wayside Inn is two miles from S.Sudbury Depot.

By Joseph H.Temple,(Original paper in safe at the Spalding House)

Notes gleaned by Rev.Elias Nason.

The Waysid Inn was built by David Horne,grandson of John Horne the first settler of Marlboro,about I70I. His son Ezekiel took it as early as I746. " Ezekiel Howe,Innholder in Sudbury,victualled soldiers on their return from an expedition I758 - State Archives.
Hedied I796 and his son Adam took the Inn,kept it about 40 years,when his son Lyman took it and kept it until his death a few years since, when it passed out of the name.

Situated in the west part of Sudbury on the North C path, after ward the original stage road from Boston to Worcester and Albany. The Inn was known during Davids life as the Howe Tavern in Sudbury to distinguish it from the John Howe Tavern in Marlboro,only two miles west of it. During Ezekiels time it took the name of "The Red Horse Tavern(from the sign, which it bore until Longfellow christened it "The Wayside Inn".

It was originally a one story house . Part of the original building was standing in I829 - used as a kitchen.

The Neal Trouble

March 17, 1899. Board of Management Meeting.

Mrs. L. J. Neal, Rec. Sec. sked the Regent, Mrs. Thomas Nesmith, " In justice to each officer to state which officer was the one who was trying to split the Chapter and to form a new one."

Ans."It is yourself".

Ques. " Will you state your authority?"

Ans. " The State Regent, Mrs Fuller ".

Mrs. Neal stated she had not tried to split the Chapter, nor to form a new one. She had informed Mrs. Fuller that there was dissatisfaction in the Chapter and she,(Mrs. Fuller ?) would probably appoint a Regent for another Chapter, another year.

A member of the Chapter told her (Mrs. Neal) that she must have had at least 20 votes as delegate to the Continential Congress. That she new 20 who had voted for her. Regent.

The matter of the unfairness of thecounting of the voted must be cleared, the tellers to act as an investigating committee.

Authority for the statement was requested.

Informants name was refused.

The report of the Rec. Sec ., Mrs. Neal, was laid on the table- not accepted.

March 24,1899. Board of Management Meeting.

Mrs. Neal resigned from the Chapter. The resignation was accepted. unanimously. The appointed committees reported to the Board and then to the Chapter.

The last report of the Rec.Sec. was taken from the table.

It was voted to reject the report.

Voted the Board prepare an accurate an impartial report, which was done.

March I899.

6 resignations from the Chapter.

Regent ,Mrs Thomas Kesmith resigned. Not accepted and reconsidered.

March 1899.

Mrs. Neale accused ballot committee of not giving her the correct vote, as delegate to the Washington Congress.

Mrs. Neale consulted with State Officiers about a new Chapter.

March I7, I899. Board Meeting.

Mrs. Neale, Rec. Sec., asked Mrs. Thompson, Regent, " In justice to each officier , will you state which officier was the one who was trying to split the Chapter and form a new Chapter?"

Ans. It is your-self.

Ques. Will you state your authority?

Ans. The State Regent, Mrs. Fuller.

Mrs. Neale stated she had not tried to split the Chapter, nor to form a new one. She had informed Mrs. Fuller that there was dis-satifaction in the Chapter, and she , Mrs. Fuller would probably appoint a Regent for another Chapter, another year.

A member of the Chapter told Mrs. Neale that she must have had at least 20 votes, as delegate to the Continental Congress. That she knew 20 who had voted for her.

It was voted that the matter of the unfairness of the counting of the votes must be cleared up. The Tellers to act as an investigating committee.

Mrs. Neales authority for the statement was requested.

Informants name was refused.

The report of the Sec., Mrs. Neale was not accepted. The report was laid on the table.

March 24,I899.

Resignation of Mrs.Neal

"and now in view of all the charges made against me by some of the Board- and in view of the fact that you do not believe my word, I must respectfully tell you as before, that I will answer to any of the charges you may bring to me and you can come here any time you wish to do so and I am at home.

And now I respectfully resign my position as Recording Secretary and also resign from the Chapter.

Mrs. Thompson can now attend the Board meetings- and the Chapter will, accordingly to her ideas, be better off without me. This is alright for the Board of Management.

I am quite sure if any one can be depended upon, that not all in the Chapter would wish me to resign, but it is best

Sincerely
Maria M.Neal (Mrs.E.J.)
327 Beacon St. Lowell

Letter to Mrs. Thompson, Regent. March 17, 1899
I send to you as Regent of Molly Varnum Chapter, the propety of the Chapter . The minute book I bought was but a quarter and that is all right. With the book please find counters, badges etc.

You did not believe what I told you, for all you did not know Mrs. Fuller at the time of the Convention in Springfield and you have had the acquaintance with me not personally but in the Chapter since the first meeting of a regular nature. I say you did not know her , this I say from what she told me at Springfield Convention. She promised me on her honor, not to tell any one what I said to her, before I told her a word, when I supposed she would be our next State Regent, not having heard a word to the contrary, as I left home Feb. 10th. Did she keep her promise to me ? You know whether she did or not. If you will look in the secretaries book for four years, you will find the number of persons present at the Annual Meeting, to be as I said "I thought 48. The number of votes cast for each one is not omitted

Nov. 27, I900.

A meeting was called of the Molly Varnum Chapt., Board of Management, at the home of the State Regent, Miss Sarah Daggett, II6 Commonwealth Ave., Boston. Miss Daggett stated that " after several meetings with Mrs, E. J. Neale , I have refused to sign the papers which will enable her to open a third Chapter in Lowell. The last interview lasted 3½ hours. Mrs. Fuller, the former Regent had also refused to sign the papers.

The matter has now passed from my hands into the National Board, which convenes Dec. 25, I900. If Molly Varnum Chapter wishes to enter protest, which I have already sent, it must do so at once.

The Board of Management voted at that time to send a protest.

But at a meeting held Nov. 30, I900, it was voted to reconsider. No protest was sent.

Present: Mrs. Henery Thompson, Regent, Mrs. Burke, Vice-Regent, Miss Lena Kimball, REG., Miss Mary Stevens, Cor. Sec., Mrs. Joseph Smith, Rec. Sec., Miss Farrington.

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June I90I., a third Chapter was formed in Lowell. It was called Lydia Darrah Chapter, It was formed by the General Board, after two State Regents had refused to sign the papers. The new State Regent Miss Helen M. Winslow was present at the meeting at the home of the Regent Mrs. E. J. Neale, 327 Beacon ST.

A letter of congratulation was read from Miss Helen Whittier.

Also one from Mr. and Mrs. Solon Stevens.

Officiers :

Regent, Mrs . E. J. Neale, Vice-Regent, Mrs. Samuel Young, Rec. Sec., Mrs. J. F. Savage, Reg., Miss Florence Moore, Cor. Sec., Miss Lizzie Hill Moore, Mis. Miss Mary A. Farnum, Board, Mrs. Fred Estes, Mrs. Charles Sherburn, Miss Rachel Sprague.

1925. The Case of Mrs. Helen Tufts Bailie of Cambridge, Mass.

Agitation of a minority group opposing Mrs. Wm.S. Walker, Vice-Pres. General and the Pres. General Mrs. Grace A. Brousseau. A committee of protest, composed of 15 lay members from various chapters, publicly and in print in the pamphlet" Our Threatened Heritage", charged the Pres. Gen. was "hypnotized and under foreign domination". This statement refers to the "Key Men of America". To a Director of that organization- a man well known for his fight against radicalism.

Mrs. Bailie claimed a "black-list" was published by the Gen. Soc. Mrs. Brousseau said such a list had never been published or compiled but that the General and the State leaders are with in their rights when they advise their Chapters regarding speakers whom they consider out of harmony with the avowed purposesof a society.

Mrs. Bailie had to represent her, Mrs. Eleanor S. P. St.Omer Roy, of Kansas, an office secretary of the"Womens International League for Peace and Freedom", Washington D. C. They published in 1926-1927, " Work Against the National Defense Act." and "Work Against the Military Training Camps" and " Work against Military Training in Schools and Colleges" and " Cut Down Appropriations For State Militia". Protest against taxes for making war.

Mrs. Roy was refused the floor. Informed she must bring resolutions through the Resolutions Committee. Committee presented the resolution with out any recommendation.

Mrs. Roy was a member of the Washington International League for Peace and Freedom, of which Jane Adams was President.

Discussion: " Policies of the National Defense Committee did not reflect the opinion of the several Chapters. Vote 2000 to 6 against. Mrs.Roy was "hissed" from the floor.

rs. Helen Tufts B ilie w s e pell d from the National Society of th D ughters of the American Revolution. Mrs. Bailie was given time and opportunity to deny or explain her statements.

Accusation: "That she had violated the spirit of the Society; had engaged in a campaign of partisan propaganda ; pledged the Society on important ma ters without expression of opinion from membership; taken part in an unworthy enterprise; perpertrated excesses; accused the Pres. Gen. of being hypnotized and of being subject to foreign domination."

She was expelled for conduct calculated to injure the good name and to disturb the harmony of the Society.

nvestig ted by the xecutive Council.

June 1928. Mrs. Bailie appeared before the Board.

Coolidge; that the scurrilous remarks were made as part of a Pacifist campaign against the Navy Bill."

Bailie Expulsion

Discussion.

1. All business be taken to State Chapter before brought to Gen. Society.
2. No speakers have been given on any "blacklist" , because no official list has been issued.
3. A Kansas editor had published that the Pres. Gen. had compiled a list with out the authority of her Board of Management.
4. State leaders may advise their Chapters about who shall come on their platforms.

Mrs. Helen Tufts Bailie was expelled from the National Society. Mrs. Bailie was given time and opportunity to deny or explain her statements. Accusation: Violated spirit of Society. Engaged in campaigne of partisan propaganda . Pledged Society on important matterswith out expression from membership. Taking part in an unworthy enterprise. Perpertrated excesses: of being hypnotized; of being subject to foreign domination.

Expelled for conduct calculated to injure the good name of, and to disturb the harmony of the Society. Investigated by the Executive Council, June 1928.

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I936. Lillian Dexter,Newfield St. No.Chelmsford M.McPhail

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Eleanor Smith,Newfield St. N.Chelmsford
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Married Lieut.Titus Cady,U.S.A.

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Lowell Sunday Sun April 26 1953

DAR Recall Record Making Events in Life of Chapter

Pay Special Tribute to Regents Who Have Directed Projects in Past 59 Years; Conduct Memorial Service; Nominate Officers

LOWELL—A very interesting history of the past regents of the Molly Varnum chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, was compiled by Mrs. Albert Catherwood for the organization's April meeting last Monday afternoon at 2:30 in the Spalding house. The past regents and vice regents were honored at this meeting, a fitting tribute to women who have devoted time and ability to the chapter during the past 59 years.

Mrs. Nathan Pulsifer, chaplain, led the devotions, after which the members pledged allegiance to the flag, recited the American's Creed and joined in the singing of the national anthem. Secretary's and treasurer's reports were given and letters of thanks were heard from the children's homes for the Easter donations.

Mrs. Clarence E. Edwards, vice regent, introduced Miss Eleanor Gray from Chelmsford high school and Miss Andree Foisy of Lowell high school, the winners of the Good Citizenship awards, who represented the chapter at the spring conference in Boston. Miss Gray reported on the morning session and Miss Foisy gave her report on the afternoon session.

In memory of the members who have passed away a white carnation was placed in a beautiful basket and a light placed for each in an illuminated cross. Included in the memorial service were those who had died during the past year. Mrs. Nathan Pulsifer read a poem, "They Are Not Far," and Mrs. J. Russell Scott rendered a moving vocal solo, "In The Sweet Bye and Bye," accompanied at the piano by Miss Ella M. Penn.

Included in the memorial service were the names of past regents; Mrs. Frederick T. Greenhalge, founder of the Molly Varnum chapter, served from 1894 to 1896; Mrs. Thomas Nesmith served from 1896 to 1899; Mrs. Henry M. Thompson, from 1899 to 1902 and from 1904 to 1909; Miss M. Ida Howe, from 1902 to 1903 and from 1912 to 1915; Mrs. Charles E. Howe, from 1909 to 1912, from 1918 to 1921 and from 1924 to 1927; Mrs. Burton H. Wiggin, from 1915 to 1918; Miss Julia T. Pevey from 1927 to 1930; Mrs. Elbert J. Gilmore from 1930 to 1933; the three members being Mrs. John K. Whittier, Mrs. James H. Gilmore and Miss Florence Young.

Corsages of red, white and blue flowers with a small white gavel were presented to the following past regents: Mrs. Nathan D. Pulsifer who served from 1921 to 1924; Mrs. Benjamin J. Mahoney from 1936 to 1938; Mrs. George H. Upton from 1938 to 1941; Mrs. Dewey S. Darling from 1941 to 1943; Mrs. F. Leon Gage from 1943 to 1946; Miss Helen E. Noyes from 1946 to 1949; Mrs. Charles R. Talbot, II, from 1949 to 1952. Mrs. Arthur A. Wright who served from 1933 to 1936 is presently confined to a hospital.

The Spalding house with its cabinets and tables bursting with old and historic pieces ranging from fourth grade spellers of 60 years ago to a piece of china owned by Molly Varnum, were on exhibition. Miss Helen W. Noyes, past regent, gave a talk on the colonial contents of the house, gifts of members and friends. She was assisted by Mrs. George H. Upton, Mrs. Harold A. Jewett and Mrs. Lewis A. Putnam.

Mrs. Albert Catherwood, regent, then read a history of the chapter which was well received by the members. Mrs. Catherwood opened her remarks by saying; "I'm compiling this history for the past regents, I have listed a few accomplishments during their terms of office, but they all deserve much credit. We are so happy to have our past regents with us this afternoon. Our associations together through the years have been happy ones, and the fellowship which we have enjoyed has added beauty and interest to the chapter we love. You've shared your bit along the way and shared some service every day. For this we honor you today.

"The first regent of Molly Varnum chapter, DAR, was Mrs. Frederick T. Greenhalge. She was the founder of this chapter and was affiliated on October 4, 1894. Mr. Greenhalge was governor of Massachusetts when she founded this chapter. She served from 1893 to 1896, and as you all know was instrumental in many accomplishments for the chapter. She died March 22, 1914.

"The second regent was Mrs. Thomas Nesmith. She was a charter member and was affiliated on October 4, 1894. During her term of office, contribution to Mary Washington memorial fund and to the statue of Washington were made, this statue to be sent to France by women of the United States. Marked Chelmsford site where minute men assembled before marching to Lexington. She served from 1896 to 1899, and died March 4, 1920.

National Officer

The third regent Mrs. Catherwood continued, was Mrs. Henry M. Thompson. She was a charter member and was affiliated on December 6, 1894. During her term of office from 1899 to 1902 she served on many important committees, among them being assistant historian general of the National society, DAR.

The Massachusetts State conference was held in Lowell, October 16, 1900. The chapter assisted in raising money for Dracut memorial library.

The fourth regent was Miss M. Ida Howe. Her first term was from 1902 to 1904. She was affiliated December 5, 1895. During this term of office she was state registrar, marked graves in the School Street cemetery, and secured permanent care from the city for the cemetery. Historical committee compiled lists of Revolutionary soldiers and historical data.

The fifth regent was Mrs. Henry M. Thompson, serving for the second time from 1904 to 1909. During this term she assisted at the Boston bazzar for Continental Congress hall, and contributed to the San Francisco fire victims. The Spalding house of Revolutionary fame was purchased in June, 1906, the chapter incorporated September 14, restoration carried through, and on December 18, 1906 the Spalding house was formally dedicated. Many placing of tablets and markers were made through the work of the Patriotic and Educational committee. She died Dec. 31, 1926.

The sixth regent was Mrs. Charles E. Howe. She was affiliated January 7, 1897 and served from 1909 to 1912. During this term of office many things were accomplished and contributions were made toward the bronze doors at Continental hall in Washington.

The seventh regent was Miss M. Ida Howe, serving for the second time from 1912 to 1915. During this term of office Red Cross work was started in the chapter. A boulder was placed in the Lowell cemetery in memory of Revolutionary soldiers in unknown graves. She died Feb. 7, 1918.

"The eighth regent was Mrs. Burton H. Wiggin. She served from 1915 to 1918. She was affiliated December 2, 1897. She was a member of the reconstruction committee in 1906. In April, 1915, the balance of the mortgage had been reduced to $1000, and under the leadership of Mrs. Wiggin the chapter went to work and on Feb. 16, 1916, the mortgage was paid off. War bonds were purchased in 1917; the chapter took part in the Preparedness parade, June 14, 1916; Red Cross work was done at the Spalding house. She died January 2, 1946.

"The ninth regent was Mrs. Charles E. Howe, serving for the second time from 1918 to 1921. During this term of office contributions were made toward the Manual fountains at Plymouth, Mass. and also toward a painting to be placed in the War Museum, Paris, France. Victory meeting was held at the Spalding house by the three chapters in Lowell, and the chapter took part in the Victory parade."

"The tenth regent was Mrs. Nathan D. Pulsifer. She was affiliated January 8, 1919 and served from 1921 to 1924, and also as chaplain for 28 years. During her term of office $200.00 was subscribed for the Springfield College dormitory. As chairman of Americanism and National defense, she gave many interesting and inspiring talks on the situation of our country and stirred our minds to fit into the pattern of war and the special duties that were ours to do. She has written many pageants and plays which have been given by our members. A very sweet and talented member, loved by all."

"The eleventh regent she stated, was Mrs. Charles E. Howe, serving for the third time from 1924 to 1927. During this term of office she entertained ex-regents club of New England at the Vesper Country club, and purchased a chair in memory of Mrs. Mary G. Morrison for Continental hall in Washington. She died October 4, 1938."

Purchase Spalding House

"The twelfth regent was Miss Julia T. Pevey. She was affiliated December 6, 1904 and served from 1927 to 1930. She was a very active member at the time the Spalding house was purchased. She was treasurer for 18 years, state auditor, state treasurer, state finance committee chairman, assistant treasurer of North Middlesex chapter of the Red Cross. During her term a chair was purchased in memory of Mrs. H. M. Thompson at Continental hall in Washington. At the time of her death she was chairman of the house committee—this house which was so dear to her heart."

"The thirteenth regent was Mrs. Elbert J. Gilmore. She was affiliated December 1, 1926 and served from 1930 to 1933. During her term a student was supported at International College at Springfield; a tablet was placed on a boulder at the Lowell cemetery in memory of unknown soldiers and sailors of Chelmsford, Dracut and Tewksbury; and a marker put on the old oak tree—the Pow-Wow tree on Clark road. She died January 31, 1941."

"The fourteenth regent was Mrs. Arthur A. Wright. She was affiliated in 1921 and served from 1933 to 1936. During her term fifty cherry trees were planted on the Pawtucket boulevard. At the October meeting in 1934, Mrs. Pulsifer read a letter written in 1801 by Gen. Joseph Bradley Varnum and it was presented to the chapter for the records. In June 1935, the meeting took the form of a dedication of a tablet erected on the large boulder in the small park at the foot of the Pawtucket bridge, as a memorial to Passaconway, chief of the Pawtucket Indians. Mrs. Wright is now confined to a rest home and is not forgotten by our members."

"The fifteenth regent was Mrs. Benjamin J. Mahoney. She was affiliated in 1919 and served from 1936 to 1938. During her term, donations were made to Ellis island, magazines and cigarets were given to Bedford Veteran's hospital. The chapter sponsored the move to have a grove of giant pines in California annexed to Yosemite park so that the sugar pine would not become extinct. Relatives of Mrs. H. A. Lambert presented the chapter with paintings of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Spalding. A portrait of Mrs. Mary G. Morrison and also her birthplace was given from the Theodore Parker estate."

"The sixteenth regent was Mrs. George H. Upton. She was affiliated in 1922 and served from 1938 to 1941. During her term of office new stair carpets and rug for upper hall was purchased in October, 1938. Molly Varnum chapter led all the other chapters in the state for news items. The 45th birthday of the chapter was celebrated with a pageant of the history of the organization, written by Mrs. Nathan D. Pulsifer, the reader being Mrs. Upton. Three Golden Jubilee projects were assumed by the chapter; the gift of a large silk flag to the Lowell YMCA, curtains for the Floretta Vining room in Continental hall, Washington, D. C., establishment of the Stella Allen fund, the rest to be used to assist a worthy high school senior girl at graduation.

"The seventeenth regent was Mrs. Dewey S. Darling. She was affiliated in 1934 and served from 1941 to 1943. During her term a beautiful American flag was presented to the Old Ladies home by the three chapters. Many gifts were presented to the chapter by the late Sara Swan Griffin and others. Three important projects for the year; Red Cross, Ellis Island and Hillside school for boys. Cancelled postage stamps were brought in, the dye extracted and the proceeds sent to a hospital in England for crippled children. A committee was organized to entertain soldiers in our homes over the week ends. Members assisted in War Bond drives at Merrimack square.

"The eighteenth regent was

Mrs. F. Leon Gage. She was affiliated in 1941 and served from 1943 to 1946. At her first meeting as regent she remarked that she was most grateful to the Revolutionary soldier who made it possible for her to join in the DAR and expressed definite admiration for the Spalding house. During her term of office, money was donated to buy supplies to be used in occupational therapy at the Ellis Island hospital. The old elm tree in the rear of the Spalding house was removed. Donation was made to a fund for a stained glass window which was to be placed in the new library at Valley Forge.

"At this time we celebrated our 50th anniversary. Two hundred copies of golden anniversary books, compiled by Miss Helen W. Noyes, assisted by Mrs. Burton H. Wiggin and Miss Emily Wiggin were sold, Mrs. Wiggin being presented the first book. Mrs. Gage gave the welcoming address at the State meeting at Swampscott and directed a pageant for them. Over 4,000 books and magazines were collected for Bedford hospital. Donation was made toward the motion picture equipment for the Hillside school for boys. V. E. Day, May 8, 1945, happened to be the regular meeting day, and all felt in their hearts gratitude and thankfulness that the war was over and our country had been spared the destruction which other countries had suffered. Mrs. Gage has directed many plays and pageants, some written by Mrs.

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Tewksbury Bjorkman and some by Mrs. Nathan D. Pulsifer.

"The nineteenth regent was Miss Helen W. Noyes. She was affiliated in 1908 and served from 1946 to 1949. During her term she relisted and exhibited contents of the house, and also compiled the golden anniversary book, with the assistance of her committee. Mrs. Laura Kershaw, one of our members, copied names from the records and stones in seven cemeteries of Dracut, and Miss Noyes typed these 1600 names and had them bound, this work took about four months to complete.

"Our meeting day, November 11, 1947, was the 29th anniversary of the signing of the armistice of World War I. $167.00 was donated to the new building fund in Washington. Revised the by-laws made in 1924 and sent to Washington for national approval. Dedicated marker in honor of our Revolutionary patriot, Molly Varnum; visted Dracut Historical society museum; $100 donated to American International college; completed geneological records and sent them to state registrar of every member of the chapter to date.

Paper Drive

"The twentieth regent was Mrs. Charles R. Talbot, II. She was affiliated December 6, 1945 and served from 1949 on to 1952. During her term, sections of the chapter house were badly in need of repairs and in the emergency, Mrs. Talbot worked very hard and did a marvelous job of collecting in a paper drive, going to many homes with her fathers' truck and her own car and brought in about $215 for her efforts. She certainly deserved much credit for this project.

"The chapter dues were raised $1 a year during this term. Secured new caretakers for the house and new curtains were made by Mrs. Robert W. Barris. Emergency fund drive was started and amounted to $250. Mrs. Talbot accomplished much in her three years, and after reading and seeing what all these past regents have done, it behooves me as your regent to be alert and keep the interest growing in this chapter.

"Officers and members of Molly Varnum chapter, behold your past regents as each one in his own way has done a grand piece of work in leading the chapter through the years, and may God spare them to still continue their interest among us."

Although Mrs. Catherwood neglected to mention the work done under her guidance as regent, the members were well aware of the magnificent job she has done and is still doing.

On Ancestors

As you may have noticed for yourself, tact is not one of our President's virtues. There was probably no connection between Mr. Truman's sarcastic observations about ancestor worship, delivered at a little ceremony in the Rose Garden of the White House on Monday, and the fact that the Daughters of the American Revolution were convening nearby. But it was one of those painful coincidences, and it may have been a little embarrassing also for Mr. Josef Zylka, if he understood what was being said. The fact that Mr. Zylka is the last immigrant to be admitted under the Displaced Persons Act doesn't mean that he hasn't as many ancestors as the rest of us; and it is even possible that Mr. Zylka is as proud of his ancestors as any member of the DAR.

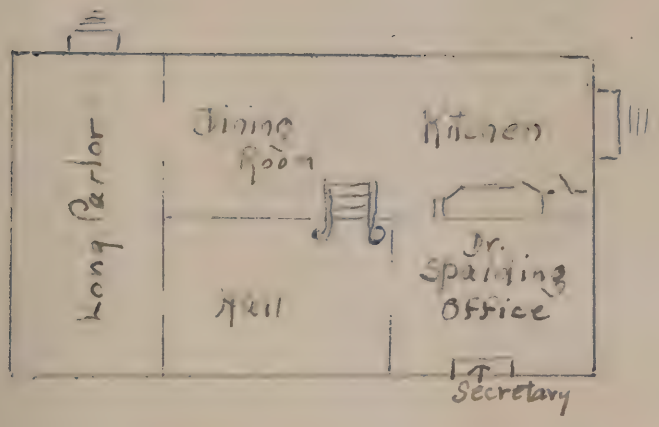
To be proud of one's ancestry, or to wish to be proud of it, is after all an almost universal instinct; and it will, we suspect, take more than Mr. Truman's sarcasm to change it. At a certain age every normal small boy begins to boast of the superiority of his immediate male ancestor to the male ancestors of his acquaintances. And we have heard that one of Mr. Truman's favorite methods of striking back at an enemy or a critic is to disparage his ancestry, usually on the distaff side. Of course pride of ancestry can easily be overdone; and if it is true, as the President suggests, that some people whose ancestors were displaced two or three centuries ago are looking down inhospitable noses at persons who weren't displaced until 1939 or thereabouts, it is absurd as well as unjust.

Considering how one's ancestors multiply by geometric recession, so to speak, it is obvious that not even the most passionate genealogical zealot can ever learn even the names of more than a tiny portion of the vast multitude of his ancestors. And the ancestors from whom one inherits one's name are not necessarily those from whom one inherits one's chromosones and genes, which, according to the biologists, are a good deal more important than armorial bearings.

On the other hand, if you have a book of logarithms you can see for yourself that a few thousand or tens of thousand generations ago the sum of your ancestors would have been just about equal to the population of the earth. And that, as the Bible implies, should make us all just one, big, happy family—but, then, you know how families are.

Spalding House.

As the Spaldings had the house for a Residence.



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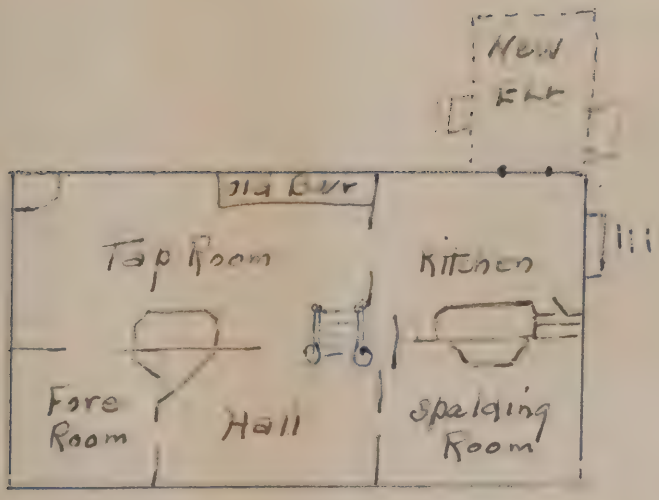

Restored.

As the old Tavern may have been.

Helen W. Noyes.

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